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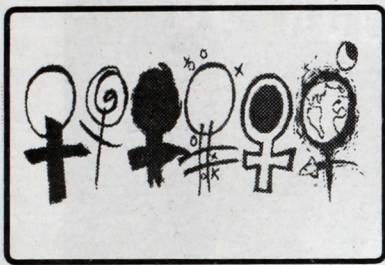
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Conan O'Brien



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Disaster '98: How a community survived

by Sarah Viau
Asst News Editor

Here in Sudbury, we have been enjoying the effects of the weather anomaly, El Nino, which has resulted in an extremely warm winter for those of us in Northern Ontario. Others have not been so lucky.

The tornados in the southern United States are the most recent examples of a winter of devastation that has shattered so many lives.

Early this year, however, there occurred a disaster that, while taking place hundreds of kilometres away, hit especially close to home. My family and the tiny, serene village I grew up in, Dunvegan, were buried in thick, heavy ice.

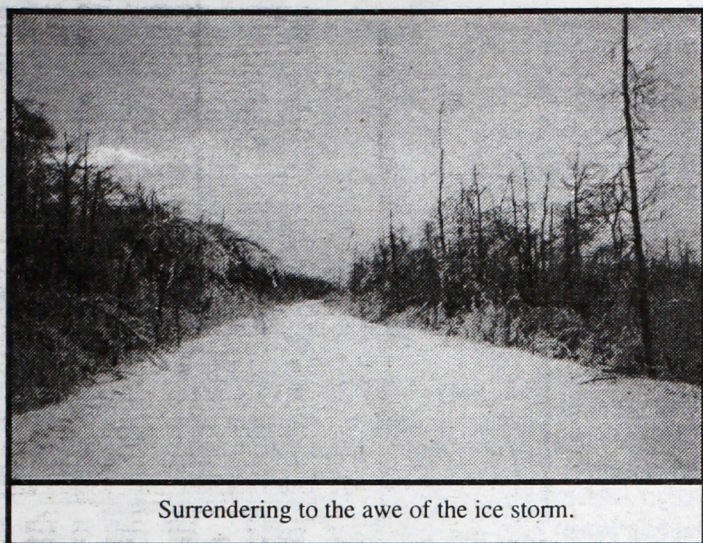
As trees, power lines, and chimneys came crashing down, the residents of Dunvegan huddled together in darkness, waiting for the end.

The end did not come.

More and more people were losing hydro every day. Then the phone lines were hit. The only form of communication to the outside world was cut off. The people knew that they had to depend on the warmth of neighbours in order to pull through this disaster.

Being such a small town, measures were easily taken to ensure that each community member was accounted for. My mother, who owns the local post office, played an instrumental role in directing the people who volunteered their assistance, including the army. The atmosphere that she has established in her office over the years provided a safe haven for most of the members of the village to admit their fears and worries. I am proud to say that my mother was a critical figure, keeping morale at the level they needed.

During the reading week, I had the opportunity to



Surrendering to the awe of the ice storm.

However, even though everyone pooled their strengths together, the victims of the ice storm could not have repaired all the damage on their own. Luckily, Canadians have always been able to empathize with others less fortunate, and aid in all shapes and forms poured in from all across the country.

When I heard that Sudbury Hydro

would be driving that long drive to help in an area right around the corner from my childhood home, Cornwall, I was so touched. I felt proud to have moved to a city so compassionate. Sudbury Hydro was essential in restoring hydro to Cornwall; consequently, the people of Cornwall received power before anyone else.

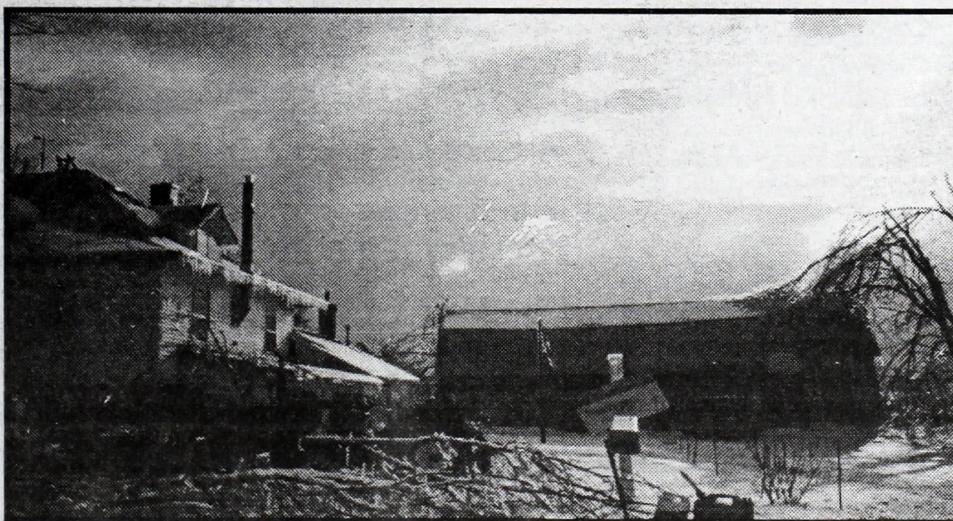
One important lesson to be learned from this catastrophe, besides keeping plenty of candles and canned foods handy, is the golden rule - do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Because of Sudbury's commitment to supplying aid to those who would need it in times of crisis, the people of Sudbury have been assured that, should something tragic occur in this area, those who remember the ice storm will be quick to return the much appreciated favour.

Disasters like this should always remain beneath all our other thoughts, to remind us of our mortality and dependence on others. I hope Sudburians will also keep this memory in their hearts, as a reminder of the compassion and generosity of the city in which they live.

witness the devastation first-hand. Trees had either bent right over or had twisted and buckled under the weight of the five inch thick ice that covered everything. The lilac bushes that hid our bathroom window and provided my family with privacy seemed to have disappeared, as if one giant hand had reached down and snatched away a bouquet of trees.

Hydro poles had pulled at each other until they snapped apart, throwing wires in every direction. The destruction left behind by El Nino cannot be summed up in a few words. It was not until I went home, right into the core of the disaster area, did I experience the shock of how the area had been transformed. It was not until I saw the faces of the villagers did I realize that this disaster is far from over.

The suffering continued for many weeks. People learned to live similar to the way it was done in the "good old days". They melted snow for water, and cooked meals on wood stoves. Local MacGyvers, like my boyfriend's grandfather, displayed their talents by re-wiring batteries to hook up to lamps.



Devastation at the Dunvegan Post Office (my house!).
Notice how thickly the ice covered everything.

NEWS BRIEFS

by Sarah Viau
Asst News Editor

Become a rocket scientist!

Laurentian University's School of Engineering, along with the Young Engineers Club of Sudbury, will be hosting a series of two-day sessions on model rocket building during the upcoming March Break. Students will have the opportunity to build their own model rockets, ground test them for stability in wind tunnels, and then fly them in Laurentian University's V.I.P. Square.

Modern Languages Week

Laurentian University's Department of Modern Languages is pleased to announce the coming of its annual Modern Languages Week, which will take place from March 9 to March 15. This cultural event is a proud celebration of the presence of a multicultural community that benefits everyone in the Sudbury region. Included in the activities for the week: lectures; art exhibits; movies; and cultural presentations.

Pat Poland Laurentian University Volunteer of the Year

On April 30, 1998, Laurentian University will proudly honor Ms. Jeanne Warwick as the third recipient of the Pat Poland Laurentian University Volunteer of the Year Award. Ms. Warwick has contributed thousands of hours towards the advancement of Laurentian. Over the past ten years, she has been a member of the Laurentian University Board of Governors, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Board, Chair of the Public Relations and Development Committee of the Board, Chair of the Sudbury Regional Police Services Commission, and a volunteer with the Laurentian University "Coming of Age" Capital Campaign.

National Aboriginal Achievement Award Winner

The University of Sudbury also has reason to celebrate one of its members. Dr. Emily J. Faries, a professor in the Department of Native Studies, has been chosen as a recipient of the 1998 National Aboriginal Achievement Award. This award is the Aboriginal community's highest honor bestowed upon its own achievers; each year, 15 Aboriginal people are chosen from across Canada for their commitment to their people and their high level of achievement. Dr. Faries is being honored for her work in spearheading the development of Aboriginal bi-cultural education.

Language lecture takes an in-depth approach

Dr. Marcel Danesi, from the University of Toronto, will be giving a lecture entitled "The Anatomy of Metaphor". Dr. Danesi is the Professor of Italian Studies and Director of the Semiotics Programme. He is the author of a great number of books and articles that deal with language learning, communication and semiotics.

International Women's Week

Laurentian University's Women's Centre is holding a variety of activities to discuss and celebrate International Women's Week, the week of March 2. On Thursday, March 5, Yuk Yuk's will be celebrating the lighter side of life through the eyes of two female comedians with "Women & Comedy". On Friday, March 6, local specialists from acupuncture, naturopathy, massage, and therapeutic touch will be discussing the healing benefits of alternative healing.

COMMUNIQUÉ

Semaine des langues modernes

Le Département des langues modernes de l'Université Laurentienne tiendra sa Semaine annuelle des langues modernes du lundi 9 mars au dimanche 15 mars. Cet événement culturel célèbre la présence d'une communauté multiculturelle dans la région de Sudbury. Au cours de la semaine, le Département présentera des conférences, des films, une exposition artistique, des présentations culturelles ainsi qu'un spectacle de variétés.

Prix Pat Poland Volunteer of the Year

Le jeudi 30 avril, Mme. Jeanne Warwick va devenir la troisième gagnante du prix Pat Poland. Mme. Warwick a contribué beaucoup de temps à l'avancement de l'Université Laurentienne. Elle a travaillé sur les comités exécutifs, et elle a aidé l'Université Laurentienne avec son campagne <<Bâtir sur du solide>> pour collecté de fonds.

Prix national d'excellence décerné aux Autochtones

L'Université de Sudbury est fière d'annoncer que la professeure Emily J. Faries du Département d'études amérindiennes est l'heureuse récipiendaire du Prix national d'excellence décerné aux autochtones pour l'année 1998. Il s'agit de plus grand honneur conféré par la communauté autochtone à ses propres membres. En effet, chaque année 15 personnes de toutes les régions du Canada reçoivent cet insigne d'honneur en reconnaissance de leur engagement envers leur peuple et de leur excellence professionnelle. Mme Faries s'est distinguée par son initiative dans l'élaboration de programmes bi-culturels parmi les Premières Nations.

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The Amiable Librarian



This column is based on questions or suggestions received by staff members of the Desmarais Library, either personally or on the "Compliments/Questions/Suggestions" form that may be filled out near the exit of the library.

Collection Deteriorating

Question: Why have you canceled the periodicals *Trends in Neurosciences* and *Brain Research Bulletin*? In my opinion, these were the two most useful neuroscience-related journals (of the pitiful selection we receive in the first place)—especially *Trends* which is a unique review-type journal. It seems rather ridiculous that we are still paying for *Sports Illustrated* and *The Hockey News* but can't afford fundamental scientific journals. What kind of library are we trying to run here?—Michael O'Hare

Dear Michael: You are quite right—it is appalling that the library has found it necessary to cancel two journals in neuroscience. To appreciate why that decision was necessary—and how it was taken—the Amiable Librarian needs to make public certain facts that are generally not well known.

For about six years, the li-

brary's collection budget remained at \$1,340,000—amongst the lowest in the province—even though the library is required to purchase materials in both official languages. Last year, the budget dropped \$150,000 and this forced the library to chop periodical titles, the most expensive part of any budget. Incidentally, there seems no indication that the 1998-1999 budget will restore the shortfall, and so you can expect even more cuts this coming year.

So how did the two journals you need get cut when *Sports Illustrated* and *The Hockey News* survived? A simple explanation would be the relative cost of subscriptions—*SI* will set the library back \$90.30 for 1998-1999, and at \$57.07, *The HN*, somewhat less. Conversely, *Brain Research Bulletin* would have cost \$3,022.00 and *Trends*, \$1,146.00. Globally, if the library had to cut \$150,000, it only makes sense that the most expensive journals go first.

But it is still not that simple, since the library never acts uni-

laterally in effecting cuts. Each journal is assigned to a different school/department, and each is consulted about impending cancellations. The two journals you used were assigned to the Psychology Department, which you might be interested in knowing, has not been able to purchase any books for its students over the last three years because of rising periodical prices. That Department reviewed its total subscriptions and it recommended that in light of all periodicals it was responsible for, twelve be cut including the two that you mentioned.

So what is the library doing in the face of this, clearly unacceptable, situation?

First, it operates an extensive program of gifts whereby faculty donate their private subscriptions to the library in return for income tax credit. In Social Work, Professor Carrière who teaches child abuse and neglect donates the journal *Child Abuse & Neglect* which is absolutely central for students studying that subject. Fortunately, there are many more professors like him.

Second, with other Ontario university libraries—all of whom are experiencing similar difficulties to the Desmarais Library—this library is exploring the possibility of consortium purchasing of core journals in electronic format. More on this in a later column.



As you all may (or may not) know, the Editor-in-Chief, Jason Bingham, has resigned to accept a "grown-up job". I just want to wish him luck in the future and thank him for this opportunity. For those of you who are not familiar with me, my name is Patty Sebele, pronounced Sable. I am a first year law student, who (obviously) has taken a great interest in Lambda. Seeing as how there is only a month left, I don't plan on making any major changes but just focusing on perfecting what we, here at Lambda, have already accomplished. The editors work in-

credibly hard all week and deserve more credit than they're given.

The Lambda elections are coming up in a couple weeks and I encourage anyone interested to come run for our open positions. Keep an eye out for the dates of the elections. I also urge you to keep those articles, critical or not, coming in. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Come in and see us in SCE 301 if your interested in writing for us or for details on the 1998 Lambda Elections.

Patty Sebele
Editor-in-Chief

Dear Mat Thompson,

I read and thoroughly enjoy your entertainment reviews, but I have to say WHY TITANIC SUNK is the creme de la creme. Your final line, "All Titanic was just Dances With Wolves in a big boat." had my spouse and I just howling with laughter. Oh yeah, and by the way, I didn't like Dances With Wolves either. Sincerely

Jan Carrie Steven

by Patty Sebele
Editor-in-Chief

One hot July day in 1995 (I think) my Mother was cooking dinner and it was almost ready when she asked me to very quickly run to the local market and get some margarine. I asked my present boyfriend if he wanted to come with me but he declined. So I hopped in my 1985 Ford Tempo (big junk heap) and drove to the market around the corner from my house. After I got there, I got out of the car and debated for a second on whether or not to lock the car up. I decided against it. I walked into the grocery store very hurriedly, grabbed some butter and paid for it. On my way out to the car I almost walked into a man. He was a huge beastly man about six-foot-six, 270 lbs. I apologized and continued my way out the door. When I approached my car I noticed a bright blue, brand new Mercury Sable parked beside mine. I remembered this because Sable is the same pronunciation as my last name. I opened my door and hopped in, stuck the key in the ignition and at-

tempted to start the car. Very oddly it wouldn't start. Now, this car is a piece of junk but it ALWAYS started. As this was happening I noticed that big man I almost ran into just moments ago getting into the car beside me. He had started his car but wasn't going anywhere, and he was looking at me. I just thought he was waiting to make sure I got it started all right. I looked at him and cursed my car. Just then my Aunt and Uncle had come up to the driver's side of my car and tapped on the window. They scared the pulse out of me. They asked me if I was having car problems. I was puzzled and said that I had just come out of the store and that's when the problems started. My Aunt mentioned that they saw some guy under the hood of my car, helping me out. At this point I was really confused because I wasn't having car problems until now. My Uncle had quickly clued into what had happened. He told me to pop the hood of

my car. I did it and he said the coil wire was popped off. This disables a car from starting. I was given a quarter to call my mom and the police station. Before getting into the grocery store the man came back. I memorized his license plate number and went in to call. As I was on the phone talking to a dispatcher I noticed that the man had gone into the store through the far doors. He was walking towards me, staring at me. I was in a panic and the dispatcher had accidentally disconnected me. I didn't have another quarter so I dialed 911. He was getting closer with every second I was wasting by giving my birthdate to the officer. Just as the man appeared at the doors beside me, my Aunt came through another set of doors behind me, to make sure that everything was all right. The man turned around and went out the far exit and back into his car. He sat in his car and stared at me until I was off the phone. I then called my mom

who was furious because dinner was ready but the butter was late. The first thing I said to her was "mom, I didn't get into an accident." After telling her the story, the entire family showed up in about 30 seconds flat. I gave the information to the police officer and he was caught that night.

Secondary Perspective

My Aunt and Uncle were driving through a bank machine and saw a man under the hood of my car, thought I was having car problems and decided to come over and see if they could help. After realizing what was happening, I went and called the police. During that phone call and before this guy had come in after me, he approached my Aunt and Uncle and asked them if they were having car problems. He mentioned that "his wife was in a similar situation, but, I'm not sure if she's in this

parking lot or Walmart's parking lot." Walmart was across the street. When I gave the officer the guy's license plate number, he ran it through and CPIC came back saying that it was a rental car from Toronto. However, after apprehending the man, police discovered that he was from Windsor. He pled guilty to mischief and said he did this to "teach me a lesson."

My Point

My point is that you never realize how vulnerable you are until you're put into a situation like this. I thought, at worst, someone would enter my car hopping to steal some money. Never in a million years did I think of something like this. I do believe that my Uncle is my guardian angel. He has always been there whenever I am in some kind of trouble. He and my Aunt could have very well saved my life and I thank God above that he sent these people to look after me.

Thank you Aunt Cathy and Uncle Jim.

Women Beware! International Women's Week

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Notes from the file...

Elections

by Norman Shields
News Editor

1) Since this seems to be the on and off the election bandwagon page of late, I will declare that I am irrevocably "on" for Editor in Chief of this newspaper for next year. Any one interested should attend the first round of the *Lambda* Board Elections on Friday the 13th of March. Enough said on that.

2) The second instalment of the *Lambda* elections is on the 20th. I strongly encourage members of the LU community to consider running for any of the positions on our "mast-head" (opposite, bottom) - except of course E in C, not out of self-interest [heh-heh], but because this position is accessible open only to current elected staff. Sorry. Drop in and ask Patty for details, SCE 301.

3) A word of condolence to Callens in his failed bid for the Presidency of the SGA/AGE. The following observation was penned by a contemporary of Alexis de Tocqueville, shortly after the latter's death: "What is important is that this great thinker, this great writer, was not a useful minister." Hmm...

4) And my SGA/AGE election predictions are: every other position being uncontested, Christa Haines will become the President of the SGA/AGE because she is the only candidate who proposes a more "inclusive" association, MORE SERVICES, and who is bilingual! The other, more obvious prediction, I'll leave to your own capable imagination (an old Burton Cummings song might nudge you in the right direction!).

5) Keeping on the election theme: Although the analysts generally approve of Howard Hampton's decision to hit the campaign trail early - two years early, I guess - there does seem to be one weakness in his strategy. As Hampton tests Ontario for the climate of opinion, his platform remains a rather weak "I know there's a better way, but I'm not sure what it is." But hey, at least he's seeking people's input, unlike Mike Harris who, for instance, recently told the Dion Quintuplets not "Take it or leave it", but simply "Take it!"

6) Nova Scotia will be heading to the polls on March 24, 1998. The Liberal premier of the province, Russell MacLellan, who was appointed only seven months ago, called the election in early February. *Dalhousie Gazette* reporter, Andrew

Simpson, believes the premier will be in tough considering the province failed to elect even one Liberal MP in the last federal election. According to Simpson, Nova Scotia CFS executive representative, Jessica Squires, will be lobbying for an education strategy that would include a tuition freeze, a return to 1994 education funding levels and improvements to the loan remission formula.

7) Elections. Elections. Well, how about this: Why not have a referendum amongst LU students on the proposed *Student Code of Conduct and Charter of Rights and Responsibilities*? The final details of the *Code* are being worked out behind closed doors somewhere on campus. Given that the document applies only to students, it seems natural that students should have a say in its adoption. In order to ensure a fair referendum, that avoids ambiguity, I propose the question should be worded in this way:

"Should the Director of Student Affairs adopt a *Student Code of Conduct and Charter of Rights and Responsibilities*, to which actual students have been permitted little or no meaningful input?"

8) Moving further away from our theme, our new President, Dr. Jean Watters (by all accounts a very nice man), is called "student centred" by outgoing SGA/AGE President Mike Grube. *In a totally unrelated event*, I remember someone saying a similar thing to me about University of Windsor President Dr. Ross Paul.

9) Moving further still, here are some excerpts from FRANK magazine, February 11, 1998: "Laurentian sluggos are irate that its board of governors served up [a] performance bonus after [Ross] Paul bailed out of their institute of higher larnin' a mere 18 months into his five-year term...Ross stands to collect nearly a quarter of a million dollars from Laurentian - but he'll be in Windsor, banging the fundraising drum...at Laurentian, where clerical staff earn only \$19,000 a year, the cash-strapped university is coughing up more dough to pay headhunters to locate another president [Dr. Jean Watters]...Faculty at U. of W. are urged to check the fine print in Ross' contract."

10) Oh yeah, I almost forgot. Andrew, I've uncovered an election promise that Mike Harris has not fulfilled! Oh, I'll keep quiet now...

by Dylan Callens
Columnist

Well, I've dropped out of the elections. I'm a writer, not a politician. The experience that I went through at the Science II Cafeteria wasn't pretty. I believe that some of the other candidates had questions planted, all of which dealt with what happens within the SGA. I have no SGA experience, I only entered the elections to voice *student* concerns. No one cared, not even the candidates. They were far more concerned about who has the most experience in the SGA, figuring that experience constitutes good will. I've had enough.

On a lighter note, I've found the coolest, newet drug on the market: liquid peppermint with rose-

mary. I don't know where to buy the stuff around here, but let me tell you, what a buzz.

Have you ever lit the magic spoon of heroin before? The principle is the same, but the method of intake differs. Let me explain further. Light a candle, blueberry is nice. You get a tablespoon, fill it half full of water, add four of five drops of the liquid peppermint, put it over the flame and wait. Within thirty seconds, the peppermint begins to violently bubble, at which time you can pull the spoon away and see the steam rise. Inhale this steam and feel it fill and soothe the sinuses. A deep breath will result in your lungs tingling with joy as the steam mingles inside your body.

What happens is a slow growing energy creeps into your system. Even the most tired people become

awake, lasting for quite some time. A slight buzz occurs, but nothing too serious.

It's fun, it's legal, it's peppermint. Mind you, this isn't as fun as a few other things that I can think of, and can't mention, but it is a great precursor to an evening of wackiness.

Now, the next step is to free-base the stuff. I implore you, if you have any tips on free-basing peppermint and rosemary, get a hold of me. This could be the most important thing that you or I ever do.

PS - I realize that this doesn't appear to be about Godzilla in his largest role ever. Well, if you ever try hot-knifing peppermint, you'll understand that this article does indeed relate to Godzilla in the most astounding way.

Next Week: *The Messiest Toast Eaters*

Get In The Ring

by Bryson McCarthy
Columnist

Kevin, you back again? I have a question for you. Have you ever gone to the bathroom twice in one day and thought to yourself the second time that it just seems redundant? Well, your second letter is just that... same shit, different time! Now on to new business.

By the time this article comes out, the elections will be in full swing. This marks the end of the Grube-era, which gives me a new target for the upcoming year. I have checked out the candidates, but I am not going to show any partiality in my column. It is up to you students to come to your own conclusion between drafts and puffs. My only problem with the voting process is that since the name Bryson McCarthy is not a registered student name in Laurentian, I cannot run. Why not? I think the students need an extra candidate that they can vote for when all the rest just don't appeal to them. Come on, just think of it...Bryson For Prez!!! My stand would basically be, "vote for me and just see what happens!" Why waste your vote on just anyone when your good buddy Bryson is on the ballot. Actually, if you don't like the candi-

dates for any position in the elections, just write **BRYSON FOR PREZ** right on the ballot and show the SGA exactly what you think of this year's candidates. I am the Ross Perot of LU. I'm insane, loudmouthed, and I want all the power!

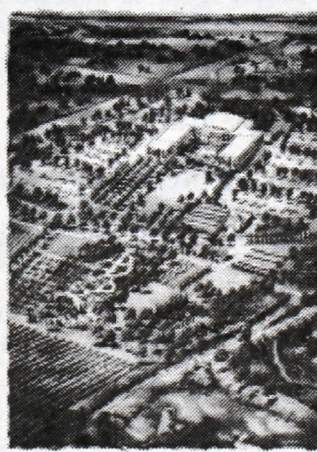
Enough about my presidency, I want to tell you about a consumer problem I had last week. I came home late last Tuesday, and decided to order pizza. My girlfriend and I decided to call a certain pizza place (their number is very easy to remember) and order a late dinner. We waited, waited and waited until I finally called back (about 1 1/2 hours after the order was placed). When I talked to the girl, she told me that the person at my number had called and canceled the order. Supposedly this person gave my name and phone number and canceled my pizzas. She kept saying "The guy..." constantly, referring to this invisible person who lives in my phone I guess. She actually had the nerve to be mad at me for this. I tried to explain that I did not call to cancel my order, but she kept telling me that "The Guy" called and canceled. She

would not accept the blame at all. Obviously I would know if I had called and canceled my pizza order, and I didn't! I was almost eating the couch cushions I was so hungry! Was I given a discount on my next order or an apology.... No! I was just told that I could re-order, but it was getting a little late to do so. Not wanting to put up with that type of \$\$\$%, I called another pizza place that was happy to take my order at 1:50am. I wouldn't have been so mad if this *Pizza place with taste* had accepted that they \$%^&ed up, but they just basically brushed me off and blamed "The Guy". How can this be solved, I don't know, I just wanted a pizza! Maybe if they had call-display they would know what number was calling to cancel and I could have still had my bacon, ham and olive pizza! I know everyone out there will still call this place for pizza when they are drunk, but I am now shopping for a new pizza place.

If you're feeling bitchy, and it has to be said, Remember, Bryson McCarthy is the guy with the ring! Call 6BS - BSBS!



Environment, Horticulture and Agribusiness at Niagara College:



Campus illustration by Michael Irvine, 1998, based on original drawings by Christie Dunbar, and Moffat Kinoshita Architects Inc.

The Environment, Horticulture & Agribusiness division is playing a major role in the new Glendale Campus which will open in September 1998. Staff and students will participate directly in the development and maintenance of the 27.5 hectare (68-acre) living lab. The new campus is located in Niagara-on-the-Lake, adjacent to the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) between Niagara Falls and St. Catharines at Glendale Ave. East.

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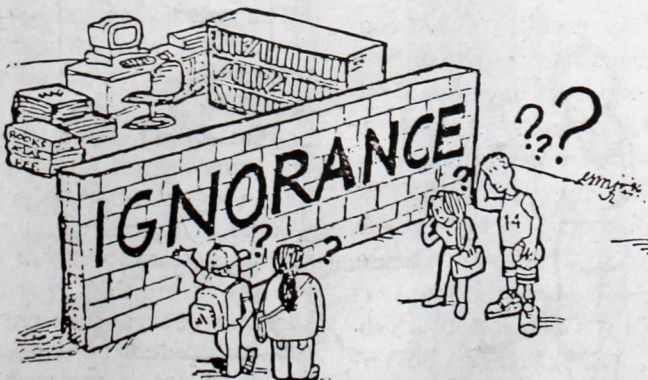
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Enter Stage Left Working Class Roots, Working Class Pride

by Todd Bosak
Columnist

"I raised a family, in times of austerity
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between the wars"
-Billy Bragg

The neo-conservative movement in Canada likes to bill itself as a catalyst for returning to core values and ideals of a better time. With a soundtrack of the Glenn Miller Band playing in the background, the movement evokes memories of a nation without debt that saw its citizens thrive, not on government handouts, but on personal ingenuity and the Protestant work ethic. Was this ever the case, or is it just a myth that ignores the suffering of millions of Canadians who faced the ravages of the great depression without a social safety net to protect them?

In deciding whether or not the conservative vision of the glorious past is based in reality, I only have to look at my lineage. My great-grandmother was a bootlegger. In order to provide for her eight children, she converted her kitchen into a bar during prohibition. She mainly served the Eastern European workers at the Welland Stelco Foundry. This wasn't an ideal way to make money, but it was the only way to make ends meet. She lived in a community almost solely composed of the working poor. There, as elsewhere, the "laissez-faire" vision of the government created nothing more than poverty for many and riches for few. This vision is being brought back.

My family is the joining of generations of Irish farmers and

Croatian steel workers. Both sides toiled to ensure that the next generation was in a position to enjoy a better standard of living than theirs. It was for this very reason that my family, along with millions of other Canadians, fought for things such as pensions, accessible education, fair working conditions, and a health system for all. They were not alone. The same fight was waged here in Sudbury and in every community across the country. Their experiences show exactly why we need to resist the Mike Harris agenda and the Jean Chrétien agenda. They are the reasons that I could be nothing else than a socialist.

The Social Justice movement today is not fighting for anything new. They are merely taking the torch from people like my great-grandparents and grandparents. They are only wishing to ensure that the achievements of an entire generation of working people are not undone in order to create a better dividend for a few wealthy investors. They are, in essence, fighting to protect our heritage. They fight to ensure that the creation of a just society stands as a permanent memorial to those who had the guts to stand up and build unions and demand medical care for all. To maintain what they built is the least we can do for our ancestors. Needless to say, part of protecting our collective heritage is ensuring that we never again elect a government like that of Mike Harris.

Tales from the Right The Government Has Been Listening!

by Andrew Van Oosten
Columnist

A common criticism of the Ontario Progressive Conservative government has been that they're just not listening. Opponents claim that the government ignores the public, avoids the Legislature, and has been making decisions in an arbitrary manner. This is simply not true.

The fact is, the government has been listening. Some of the government's most hotly debated legislation spent extensive amount of time in the committee stage. *The Education Quality Improvement Act* spent over sixty hours in committee and heard from two hundred and ten witnesses; *The Fewer School Boards Act* was in committee for over eighty-one hours and heard from

three hundred and seventy-seven witnesses; and *The City of Toronto Act* was in committee for almost one hundred and ten hours and heard from five hundred and thirty-two witnesses. This is clearly not a government that has failed to consult the public. The opportunity to voice our opinion is there, and the PC government has proven that they do want to hear from us.

Critics claim that the government has been avoiding the Legislature even though the facts indicate otherwise. In comparison to the two previous governments, the current government has an impressive record. In its first session, the Liberal majority government sat for one hundred and fifty-six days and spent an average of 1.3 sessional days debating

each public bill. The NDP majority government sat for a mere one hundred and twenty-two days in its first session and debated each bill for an average of 1.4 sessional days. On the other hand, the PC majority government sat for two hundred and forty-four days in its first session and spent an average of 3.2 days debating each public bill. These numbers demonstrate that this government is using the Legislature more effectively than the previous two.

We citizens of Ontario have every right to monitor the actions of our government, however, it is important to know the facts. Contrary to the rhetoric of its opponents, the facts indicate that this PC government has consulted the public, has used the Legislature effectively, and does listen.

A Record of Government Consultation to Date...

Bill #	Short Title	Time in Committee	# of Witnesses
8	Job Quotas Repeal Act, 1995	26 hrs. 10 min.	75
20	Land Use Planning and Protection Act, 1995	76 hrs. 20 min.	148
26	Savings and Restructuring Act, 1996	255 hrs. 50 min.	445
49	Employment Standards Improvement Act, 1996	81 hrs. 18 min.	246
75	Alcohol, Gaming and Charity Funding Public Interest Act, 1996	68 hrs. 13 min.	149
84	Fire Protection and Prevention Act	46 hrs.	149
96	Tenant Protection Act, 1996	66 hrs. 49 min.	180
98	Development Charges Act, 1997	21 hrs. 18 min.	43
99	Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997	61 hrs. 26 min.	133
103	City of Toronto Act, 1997	109 hrs. 54 min.	532
104	Fewer Schools Boards Act, 1997	81 hrs. 43 min.	99
106	Fair Municipal Finance Act, 1997	39 hrs. 10 min.	
136	Public Sector Labour Relations Transition Act, 1997	33 hrs. 34 min.	42
142	Social Assistance Reform Act, 1997	51 hrs. 55 min.	116
149	Fair Municipal Finance Act (2), 1997	25 hrs. 56 min.	44
152	Services Improvement Act, 1997	22 hrs. 38 min.	58
160	Education Quality Improvement Act, 1997	60 hrs. 34 min.	210

International Conference of Sexual Assault

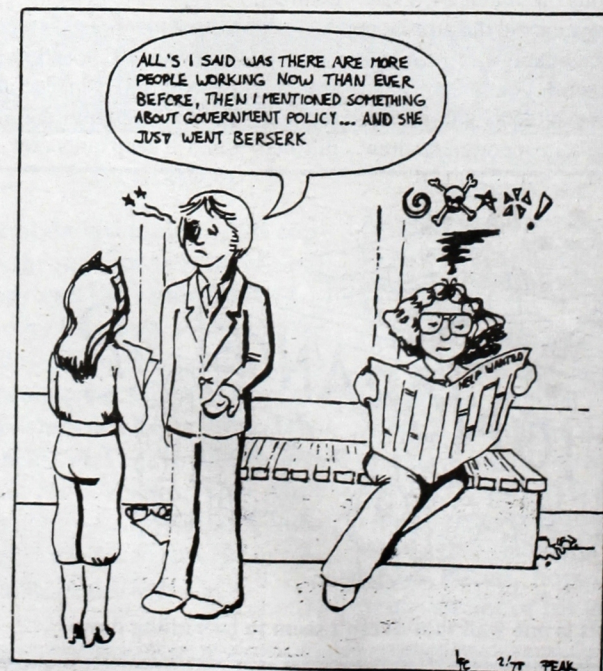
The Sexual Assault Centre of McGill Students' Society (SACOMSS) is hosting SACOMSS' International Conference 1998, What Students are Doing About Sexual Assault, on Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, on McGill University Campus. Students from across the globe have been invited to attend this conference to learn the structure and philosophy of the centre, and to explore issues related to sexual harassment and assault. This event has already caught the attention of university representatives from across Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand, and SACOMSS gladly invites any and all interested individuals to take part.

At the International Conference, workshops will offer participants a forum to discuss SACOMSS functions - from philosophies to file folders - and to explore issues surrounding their philosophies and protocols. Laura Robinson, media activist and author, has been invited to give the Keynote address. In a time when women are taking the stage in sports, ex-competitive cyclist Laura Robinson has extremely valuable insight. Through both experience and study, Robinson has thoroughly examined and written extensively about women's experience, particularly of sexual assault and harassment in sports. The panel discussion

will explore the issues of race, ethnicity, disability, and sexual orientation as they pertain to providing support services and awareness about sexual assault. Included in the \$50 conference fee, the closing banquet will be one of the many important opportunities for informal discussion and exchange between participants from Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand.

SACOMSS is the first, and until recently, the only student-funded and run sexual assault centre in Canada. The Centre is also the second largest sexual assault centre serving

the Montreal area and the only crisis line in Quebec to provide TTY service for the hearing impaired. Services that SACOMSS offers are a day-time information line, and evening help-line, support groups, Outreach, and the Accompaniment Team. The Outreach branch facilitates group discussions with thousands of high school and university students annually. The Accompaniment Team assists sexual assault survivors through McGill grievance procedures, and occupy an activist space, promoting awareness of issues surrounding sexual assault on the McGill Campus.



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Students top list of budget spending priorities

Millenium scholarship forms budget centrepiece

by David Cochrane
Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA (CUP)—Funding for students eclipsed paying down the national debt and tax reduction as the number one spending priority in the country's first balanced budget in almost three decades.

But student leaders are disappointed by the lack of immediate money to help reduce debt loads for students already in the post-secondary education system.

"What we were looking for in this budget was something significant to help out people now. We didn't get that," Brad Lavigne, national chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, said.

"The overriding problem is that debts are too high and there is nothing in this budget that will actually help reduce those individual debt burdens."

Finance Minister Paul Martin's fifth budget contained a package of measures aimed at providing students with more money when they enter university or college and a more flexible student loan repayment scheme when they get out.

The centerpiece of the budget was the millennium scholarship fund, Jean Chretien's apparent legacy. The \$2.5-billion fund will provide annual scholarships of up to \$3,000 to more than 100,000 students. The fund will dry-up after just 10 years.

Further, as student groups feared, the fund won't actually hand out any money until 2000, skipping a generation of students who already borrow to pay for their education.

"It's almost, in a sense, too little too late," Paul Black, president of Acadia University's student council.

Aside from dollar figures, there were scant details about the operation and criteria of the millennium fund. Financial need and academic merit were listed as requirements for students who want to access the scholarships, but neither of those terms was defined. Education groups have been almost universal in demanding that the fund be tied solely to financial need.

The government says it will set up an arms-length board of directors to administer the fund. It didn't say who would be on that board, except that members will come from the private sector and will include at least one student.

Some students will receive extra money as early as this year, however. More than 25,000 full- and part-time students with children or dependents will receive grants of up to \$3,000 through the Canada Student Loans Program.

Part-time students will also be allowed to claim an education credit of \$60 for each month they were attending school, something previously available only to full-time students. As well, student parents will be allowed to claim a child-care expense while they attend school.

"What we've got here is a positive indicator, a very good first step," Hoops Harrison, national director of the Canadian Alliance of

Student Associations, said. "But there needs to be a little bit more of an emphasis on immediate debt reduction."

While that immediate debt reduction wasn't there, the government announced several changes to the Canada Student Loan Program.

"The measures we are announcing today will help to ensure that Canadian students are not mired in a swamp of debt from which they can never escape," Martin said in his budget speech.

Starting this year, graduates will get tax relief for interest payments on their student loans. About one million people will be allowed to claim a 17 per cent federal tax credit on their yearly interest payments. The credit only applies to interest payments on loans obtained from federal and provincial loan programs. Students who get private loans from banks will not be eligible.

The government also expanded its graduate interest relief program. Starting this year, students earning less than \$22,300 will qualify for full interest-relief for 30 months, an option previously available only to people earning less than \$20,460.

Beginning in 1999, partial interest relief will be available for graduates who have trouble paying back their loans and earn less than \$28,300 a year. Students earning \$24,000 can have the federal government pick up 75 per cent of their monthly interest payments, those who make \$26,000 will get 50 per cent relief, while Ottawa will pick up 25 per cent of the tab for people earning \$28,000.

Graduates who exhaust the 30 month interest relief period and still experience repayment problems can now ask the lending institution to

extend the repayment period from 10 years to 15 years, a move that would reduce monthly payments by nearly 25 per cent at current interest rates. If the student still can't meet minimum monthly payments, the interest relief period will be extended from 30 months to 54 months.

For those who still remain in financial difficulties after those relief measures, the government will write-off up to 50 per cent of the federal portion of the student loan or forgive \$10,000 worth of debt, whichever is lower. Students will only qualify for that final measure if their annual debt payment exceeds 15 per cent of their income.

Robert Giroux, president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, called the budget "a tremendous package of measures." Many of the new initiatives had been suggested by a coalition of seven national education groups that was spearheaded by the AUCC and included both national student groups.

But Giroux said there should have been a longer financial commitment to research and development through funding for Canada's three national granting councils.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, the Medical Research Council, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council all saw their budgets restored to 1994-95 levels and will see further small increases until 2001, bringing combined funding up to \$903-million from the current \$766-million.

"Canada needs to keep pace in the innovative economy and therefore the government will have to provide additional funding in future years," Giroux said.

Amendment to B.C. Human Rights Code would protect transgendered

by Bess Lovejoy
SFU Peak

VICTORIA (CUP) — British Columbia could become the first province in Canada to recognize discrimination based on gender identity if a proposed amendment to the provincial Human Rights Code is approved.

The proposal—one of 11 recommendations made by the B.C. Human Rights Commission earlier this year — evolved from the Transgender Law Reform Project, which was sponsored by the B.C. Law Foundation.

According to the commission, the proposed amendment is meant to assist people — including transsexuals, transvestites, and people often mistaken for the opposite gender — who challenge what society considers "gender norms."

Deputy chief commissioner Harinder Mahil says the Human Rights Code is currently not specific enough to sufficiently protect the rights of the group.

"Although we had accepted a case of a transgender person who had been discriminated against, none of the [existing parts of the Code] were really to the point.... [I]t can be argued that they are not protected."

"If the recommendations are accepted, then B.C. will be the first jurisdiction in Canada to protect transsexuals and transgender people," Mahil said.

A member of Out on Campus, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender group at Simon Fraser University, supports the proposed amendment.

"I think it's the next logical

step, after protecting against discrimination due to sex and sexual orientation," Nicolas Demers said.

A spokesperson for the Vancouver-based Zenith Foundation, which represents transsexuals, says the group is in favour of the amendment.

"It's something which is badly needed in order to bring a marginalized group of people up to speed with the rest of society. It's way overdue."

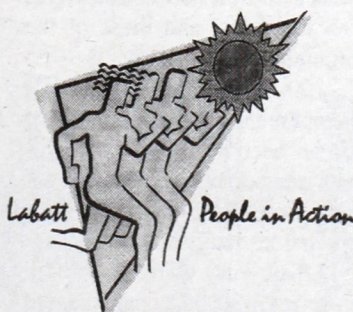
But not all members of B.C.'s queer community agree that the Human Rights Code needs to be amended.

"There are many more important... and universally relevant issues that need addressing before we waste time on [gender] appearance-oriented discrimination. Let's face it, in many careers your appearance is crucial to the industry, and therefore in many cases discrimination is justifiable whether we personally agree with it or not," Out on Campus member Logan Lundie said.

Other recommendations made by the Human Rights Commission for changes to the Code include prohibiting discrimination based on "social condition" — aimed at protecting the poor — and extending protection to people over 65.

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Million Dollar Investment Tips Demistifying mutual funds

by Michael Marcon
Contributor

In early February, The Cigar Club was invited to attend a seminar on mutual funds at the Holiday Inn, hosted by Ronda MacPherson of Royal Mutual Funds. This article will expand upon some of the points made at the seminar.

Dollar Cost Averaging

What is it? And how can it help you, the investor, reach your financial objectives?

Dollar Cost Averaging is a principle that allows the purchaser of mutual funds to maximize their return on investment over time by making monthly contributions to the fund.

Consider the following: you are in possession of a crystal ball that tells you the future! Wouldn't that be great! With this crystal ball you know when to purchase stocks and make a killing on Wall Street! Well, unfortunately, not too many of us have a crystal ball to predict market fluctuation, and that's where DCA comes in.

The professional forecasters in mutual fund land spend a lot of their time monitoring a selection - or portfolio - of stocks they have purchased with investors' money. What they do is, for example, purchase an equal number of shares on a regular basis. So, if you average the difference between the highs and lows, your average return increases over time - a key word to DCA. Instead of receiving a ten percent return on investment, due to buying a high proportion of your shares when the prices are high, you may earn a significantly higher rate of return - say fifteen percent.

Therefore, you get value for your money in terms of a higher rate of return, and you substantially minimize your risk through DCA.

The basic principle of mutual fund investment consists of these three aspects: Time (10 years) X Rate (12%) X Principle (\$ invested)

Remember! Time is your friend. You can have more principle and will then require less time to meet your financial objectives. You can also have a higher rate, but the speculative nature associated with a phenomenal rate of return rarely justifies the risk. Mutual fund managers manage the risk for you. Mutual funds feature auto-diversification, another feature that reduces risk to the investor. With the power of dollar cost averaging, time, and auto-diversification, you'll come out ahead by investing in mutual funds.

One word of caution: mutual

funds are only as good as those who manage them. In Canada, there are only a handful of superstar managers. Check the paper so that you are familiar with the superstars, what funds they manage, and for how long they have been managing that fund.

Compound Interest

You've probably heard of the fairytale Sleeping Beauty. If you haven't, the story goes something like this: the Wicked Queen poisons the Princess, coaxing her into a deep sleep for one hundred years. What you didn't know is that the day before the evil deed, the Princess had invested \$100 with one of her father's banker friends at 10% interest compounded semi-annually. By the time Prince Charming got around to kissing her a century later, thereby breaking the spell, her simple one-time investment had grown to \$1,729,258. No wonder they lived happily ever after!

Power of Compound Interest

"Let me suggest to you the eighth wonder of the world. It is compound interest." - Baron Rothchild, 1910

If you were to invest \$5,000 per year for 10 years, how much do you think you would accumulate at the end of this time if your money was earning 12%, compounded annually. (For a utopian moment, leave taxes out of your calculations)

You would have accumulated: a) \$51,200 b) \$76,512 or c) \$87,744

The correct answer is (c), and if you continued the same process for another ten years, you'd have \$360,262! Little wonder that Baron Rothchild called compound interest the eighth wonder of the world! RRSP's (Alternative for investing in mutual funds)

One of the most effective ways of making compound interest work without immediate tax consequences is within a Registered Retirement Savings Plan. Since your money is in a RRSP, it grows tax-free, and if you make regular deposits and allow them to accumulate, you can end up having your cake and eating it too! (Although you will pay tax later, when you withdraw the money.)

RRSP's are magical interest-earning vehicles that shelter your money from the tax department, while you enjoy the wonder of compound interest. Everyone who wishes to manage their financial future should have one. Why? Because it can make you a millionaire, that's why!

What is an Investment Club?

An investment club is a group of individuals, be it friends or acquaintances, that come together in a mutual investment program. The members then agree to pay a common amount to the fund, usually each month. Together, the group selects other members until a satisfactory size is reached.

According to Felix Bocy, of Dominion Securities, there are three good reasons to join a club:

- 1) They allow the members to participate in the profit of Canadian enterprises.
- 2) Your chances of loss are greatly minimized through the concept of dollar cost averaging.
- 3) They are educational. They allow you the chance to make new

friends. And they are fun. Moreover, the lessons you will learn by participating in an investment club (such as The Cigar Club, for instance!) can benefit you in your own individual investments.

Quiz: If you were given a magic solid god jelly bean which grew exponentially so that the amount doubled every second for 59 seconds, how many more would you possess after a minute had passed? Hint: A mutual fund, which can double in value, say every seven years rather than every second, operates in a similar way.

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by David Stapleton

Contributor

The following is the second instalment of an article that explores a possible link between Ontario mental health provisions, and the horrific deaths of four Sheguindah residents a year and a half ago. Last week's article revealed the mental health history of the aggressor in the deaths, as described at Ian Long's sentencing hearing.

The Manitoulin murder spree has focused attention on the plight of the mentally ill and society's consternation over the issue.

In Ontario, when a person sees a doctor and is suicidal or homicidal, the physician can put them on what is called a Form One. They are recommended for psychiatric assessment and in ninety-nine per cent of the cases, according to Linda Deshevy, Director of Clinical Information Systems at Sudbury's Algoma Hospital, they are admitted.

The system also has a Form Two, an order by the Justice of the Peace for assessment. In this case, family will usually approach the court and request police be directed to pick up an individual, and take them to an emergency ward where he or she may be referred to psychiatric assessment.

The last level is Form Three, a certificate of involuntary admission, similar to Form One in terms of symptoms of suicide or violence but different in that the individual wouldn't voluntarily admit themselves and must be compelled by law.

It should be noted the Forms are usually administered in stages.

For instance, a person could go to emergency, be given a Form One, spend a day in hospital, stabilize, leave and not wish to return. The family might then watch them again deteriorate, cease functioning and living to an extreme degree (stop eating) or doing harm to themselves but refuse any treatment.

The family might then approach the court and the system would move them through a Form Two to a Form Three.

Form Three can only be given in what Ontario terms a "Schedule One" - a hospital designated as a psychiatric facility, operating not just under the Public Hospitals Act but the Mental Health Act as well.

But regardless of the mechanisms of Forms, hospitals, and assessment, the underlying issue appears to boil down to the state trying to walk a fine line between the rights of an individual and those of the community.

As Olive Girard of Ontario's Schizophrenic Society puts it, that line can become a wide crack as often "a person must be in the act of killing themselves, or committing a crime before intervention can happen if they don't voluntarily place themselves in hospital or are ordered by a Justice of the Peace."

Manitoulin's murders, like others around the country, stir those victimized by violence to cry out for better protection from the state. It usually takes a tragedy to learn that parents or family of patients and other consumers within the mental health system often find its ap-

proaches inadequate and limited.

Girard, a Sudbury resident, points right to the jury's recommendations in the Brian Smith murder inquest in Ottawa.

Smith, a television broadcaster was gunned down in the station's parking lot about three years ago by a man swearing he was hearing voices and convinced media were transmitting signals into his head. He was an outpatient on medication.

An Ottawa jury made it clear their community wanted more control of outpatients and change in the way practitioners in mental health handled patients.

Girard agrees, and believes the Mental Health Act needs to be reviewed and amended. "Families stand by and watch as a relative deteriorates. Attempts are made to get help yet, no-one can pick the individual up because he isn't a threat to himself or others."

Girard says the catch-word here is "imminent" - "imminent does not mean immediate, but it is misinterpreted as such. When the word is used, in my estimation, it doesn't mean today - but that the person is on the way," said Ms. Girard, adding the individual doesn't look violent or suicidal, they won't be picked up.

She believes the Act should include a preamble spelling out the balance between the individual's rights and the rights of the community. "We want to make it easier for a person to get treated."

She would also like the Act amended to include the phrasing "substantial mental or physical deterioration of a person that is likely to be alleviated by treatment" to cover a deteriorating mental or physical deterioration.

This phrasing is necessary she said because presently the Act is "allowing a sick brain to make a judgement call." As she puts it, "In each case, people don't get seriously ill in one day - they deteriorate. But because they aren't at that moment doing something rash, they aren't picked up."

Psychiatrists are over a fence here, she said, because "they can't force anyone to stay or take medication." She and the Society, want the Ontario publication, Rights and Responsibilities updated, preprinted and put on the web. Mike Harris' cuts have left the project on the shelf.

Girard feels Sudbury needs a 24-hour crisis line, and that further training is needed for all police, psychiatrists and mental health workers.

Barb Verdunst, a mental health advocate and committee member on the Sudbury-Manitoulin District Health Council's mental health sub-committee said the area is underfunded compared to the rest of Ontario with Manitoulin lacking services.

That means a shortage of doctors, inaccessibility to home care for exhausted family members and fundamental funding differences between the North and the rest of Ontario amounting to \$73 per capita spent in Ontario generally compared to only \$46 per capita in the North.

Noting fifty percent of the mentally ill are addicted, Verdunst said there is only one type of detox

centre in the area and it is for Natives. But a check with Al Shawana of Wikwemikong's Nqwaan-Gamig Centre finds people like Long wouldn't have been accepted due to his violence and inability to engage in the group therapy the Centre works with.

Verdunst said mental health practitioners are more oriented towards prescribing drugs and counselling, but are also placed in a legal bind and unable to look at alternative forms of treatment.

"Counselling is limited," she points out. "It's talk and you can only talk so long. People aren't offered the 'doing' part and simple techniques like breathing exercises to help them cope with stress," she says.

Forced to learn the system's pitfalls because of a family crisis, Verdunst discovered mental health is a grey area. "There is no set thing such as in diagnosing appendicitis. Drugs are trial and error and frustration builds when patients don't respond. The victim gets blamed."

Verdunst added not all mental health workers are trained in certain facets of mental illness. "There is no system for training or increasing skills, so some workers don't know what manic depression is."

Shawana of Nqwaan-Gamig feels assessment can be very helpful. He also believes cross-referencing of a patient is very important. But he doesn't see sentencing a mentally ill person to time in prison as an answer. He points out Native-oriented organizations like the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program are becoming available.

Derek Day, a man involved with various levels of the mental health system in Sudbury, noted psychiatrists don't predict dangerousness in an individual well. "Coroner's juries want more stringent treatment of the mentally ill, but psychiatrists don't have insight or distinguish between routine fantasy and intense personal crises," said Day.

Day said he doesn't see a lot done to help people cope with their own emotions. "Drugs are used because they're low cost. But that doesn't deal with the basic problem."

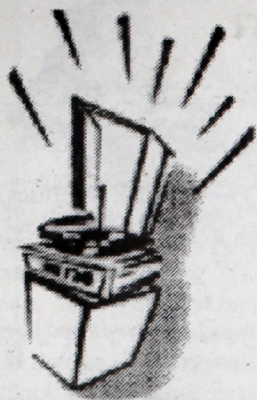
People carry childhood traumas and abuse issues, he said, but they have few places to go to deal with them. "The system is getting worse. Years ago disoriented people were locked up, now they're put out in the community."

Day believes a way is needed for people to open up their fantasies to help ground them in reality.

Pierrette Séguin, a volunteer with the Canadian Mental Health Association, expressed her surprise that Long was treated with Prozac while it was known he was an alcoholic. She also asked how he acquired a gun.

Several psychiatrists were called over this story, but Dr. Koka, Chief of Staff for the Algoma Hospital and Network North declined comment, saying he didn't know the case and was not a forensic expert.

David Stapleton is a Sudbury freelance writer, whose publications include Windspeaker.



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Reviews by Mat Thompson, Entertainment Editor.



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album has meaning and heart. You can just picture sitting in a small, dark bar listening to Rachel playing her music. *Groundwire* is out now and is definitely worth checking out!

like she is on the other end of a tunnel.

Sully is worth checking out if you are a fan of very ethereal alternative music, but be cautious as I know many just won't get the point

of the album and it's songs.

mixed together in a dance club and you are getting there.

All the tracks on the album highlight so many musical styles that they seem jam packed. All the songs are so busy that you have to listen to them over and over. The tracks include *Spotlight*, *Dadi Waz a Badi*, an impressive cover of the 1972 soul hit *Lonely* and their first single *Marbles* (Why You Say Yes). All these songs are great, but the song *Get Higher* will stand out in your mind for a long time. The beginning and middle of the song feature Ronald and Nancy Regan impersonators claiming they have drug problems and an announcement that "former president Bush smokes marijuana regularly and... Nancy and I are hooked on heroin." The impersonators are perfect.

Black Grape have tried to tour North America, but due to strict immigration laws regarding criminal behavior, they were turned away. They have played England, Japan, Australia, and many others and hopefully can get in North America some day. Until that time, check out *Stupid, Stupid, Stupid* by **Black Grape**. It will mess with your head, but what doesn't these days!?!

Check out One Step Beyond at The Townhouse on Friday, March 6th. They are a great acid/jazz/funk band from Toronto definately worth seeing!

The Perms - Tight Perm

It has only been a year and a half since **The Perms** were formed in Brandon, Manitoba, but they play like they have been doing this their whole lives. This latest Canadian alternative band formed when two members of **The Savants** and one from **The Flower Pots** decided to unite and take the world by storm. The may not be at the point of tackling the whole world yet, but their debut album *Tight Perm* is one great step in the right direction.

The Perm's sound is very reminiscent of bands like **Sloan**. The sound is more upbeat and fun than a lot of alternative music. The CD contains ten tracks that will get you hooked right from the start. From *Her Sunny Garden* and *Three's Company* to *Love at First Sight* and *Luke Warm* this band is red hot.

The Perms are on tour right now in Western and Central Canada and will be playing Sudbury's *Townhouse* on either the 20th or

Rachel Kane - Groundwire

Groundwire is the debut album for Toronto-based musician/songwriter **Rachel Kane**. Rachel is a very talented musician who's sound and styling is very much like that of **Bonnie Raitt**. She is very versatile in her songs showing off her talent at folk, R&B, blues and straight up pop music.

The album is very laid back and relaxing as Rachel performs her songs. She sings of subjects like saying good-bye; how a long time lover can haunt you; the times when language falls short; staying grounded in the midst of chaos and the way time passes. If you listen to the lyrics of her songs you can see very deep into the heart of Rachel and get something personal out.

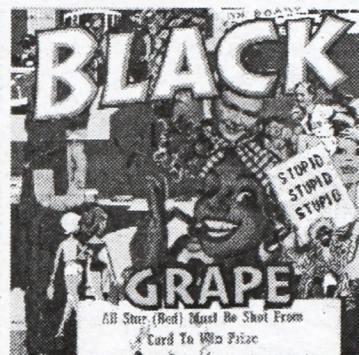
Not very often does an album come along in which a female songwriter just plays what she feels. It is not an Alanis album with man-hating lyrics and tortured relationships; the

Sully - I Have Much To Report

Sully is a Toronto based band that have now released their second album, *I Have Much To Report*. If you are looking for anything new in this review or band, you have to search.

Sully's sound is a mix of vocals like **Lisa Loeb** and **Tori Amos** and a sound reminiscent of **Mrs. Torrence** and **The Cranberries**. Lead vocalist **Becke Gainforth** has a very ethereal airy sound that seems to be becoming more and more evident in female vocalists of today.

The album contains 16 tracks that are so dreamy and out there you will feel like you are floating with many of them. The only new concept on the album is the lyrics. Instead of singing about the same old topics, **Becke** sings about abstract views and messages that anyone can interpret their own way. It is kind of cool, but she is also very hard to understand as they mixed her voice with so much echo and dimension that she sounds



Black Grape - Stupid, Stupid, Stupid

Shaun Ryder of England's **Black Grape** was asked by a guidance counselor in high school about his plans for the future. He said he wanted to make porno films in Amsterdam. Since the school didn't offer that type of curriculum, Ryder did the next best thing - he started a band. Now if that doesn't interest you in what type of band **Black Grape** is, I don't know what will.

Black Grape was formed in England in 1995. The band sored to the top with it's debut album *It's Great When You're Straight...Yeah*, and have returned with *Stupid, Stupid, Stupid*. This is one strange album that just messes with your mind. **Black Grape's** sound is a mix of rock/pop/dance and a few hits of acid. Picture **Cyprus Hill** and **Beck**

Great Big Sea... Live On Stage!

The Muppet Show style stage of **Big Thunder** was the perfect setting for this Canadian band that just keeps going and going and going.... Sudbury was the first Canadian show on their tour and they proclaimed that they would play all night if they had to. They cranked out the new hits like *Ordinary Day*, *When I'm Up*, and *How Did We Get from Saying I Love You* and older songs like *Run Runaway*, *Goin' Up* and *Fast As I Can*. **Big Thunder** was turned into a Celtic free-for-all for over two hours of non-stop **Great Big Sea**.

The crowd was definitely into the concert as people danced in every corner of the building and sang every song with the band. They even took a break in songs and the crowd filled in the missing lyrics as loud as they could. I swear we worked just as hard

as the band did on many of the songs. But the one song that no one could keep up with was their cover of **REM's** *End of the World*. I have been listening to this song for years and still can't figure out all the lyrics. GBS's Celtic version of the song is just as good, if not better than the original. Just listening to them you can tell they could change even the hardest **Metallica** or

G'n'R song into a great Celtic jig. Just picture, **Great Big Sea** covering *Sweet Child of Mine*. I bet it would work!

The traditional songs were the highlight of the concert for me. I come from a family where I have heard many of these since I was little and hearing them performed live by GBS was even better. They slowed *The Night Pat Murphy Died* to try to disguise it, they ripped through *Billy Peddle*, *My Bonnie*, *Luke* and many other traditional Celtic songs, and they even played the extra *Play Celtic* tune *Beggerman*.

As the concert sped on, **Darrell Power**, **Sean McCann**, **Bob Hallett** and **Alan Doyle** never faltered a bit. They seemed to get more and more strength from the crowd. Their unending energy was proof that Canadian's can go forever. Too bad **Great Big Sea** couldn't have bot-



tled a little of their energy and loaned it to our **Olympic Hockey Team**.

Encores flowed like water as **Great Big Sea** returned to the stage two times for over an extra half hour of music. Sudbury could not get enough of the band. Young and old alike stayed till the very end. I heard a few complaints that they were a lot of older people there, but I just laughed. Just because we listen to this music doesn't mean our parents can't. **Great Big Sea** is just one of those bands that brings everyone together in the spirit of a good time.

If you haven't given **Great Big Sea** a chance yet, just pick up any of their CDs and they'll grab a hold of you like a dog wrapped round your leg! They are always playing somewhere in Canada, and if you missed **Great Big Sea** this time, don't worry, they will always return.



Top Ten

According to *Entertainment Weekly*, here are the Top Ten lists of what you have been going to see, renting and buying for this past week.

Movies:

1. **Titanic** - \$402.6 (*Million To Date*)
2. **The Wedding Singer** - \$37.7
3. **Sphere** - \$26.9
4. **Good Will Hunting** - \$88.0
5. **Senseless** - \$5.3
6. **As Good As It Gets** - \$107.5
7. **The Borrowers** - \$11.2
8. **Palmetto** - \$2.9
9. **The Apostle** - \$7.9
10. **LA Confidential** - \$48.5

Pop Albums:

1. **Soundtrack - Titanic**
2. **Celine Dion - Let's Talk About Love**
3. **Silkk The Shocker - Charge It 2 Da Game**
4. **Savage Garden - Savage Garden**
5. **Pearl Jam - Yield**
6. **Backstreet Boys - Backstreet Boys**
7. **Usher - My Way**
8. **Spice Girls - Spice World**
9. **Soundtrack - The Wedding Singer**
10. **Matchbox 20 - Yourself or Someone Like You**

Video Rentals:

1. **Air Force One** - Harrison Ford
2. **G.I. Jane** - Demi Moore
3. **The Devil's Advocate** - Al Pacino
4. **Nothing to Lose** - Martin Lawrence
5. **The Game** - Michael Douglas
6. **Conspiracy Theory** - Mel Gibson
7. **Con Air** - Nicholas Cage
8. **Fire Down Below** - Stephen Seagal
9. **Money Talks** - Charlie Sheen
10. **Face/Off** - John Travolta

Sick Joke of the Week

A woman is in bed having sex with her husband's best friend. After a while, the phone rings and the woman answers it. Since her partner can only hear one side of the conversation, he hears:

"Hi honey... Yes, I'm fine... Oh, that's great... I'll see you soon... Don't have too much fun... Bye."

Without missing a beat she jumps right back into what she was doing. After a few minutes, her partner finally breaks down and asks her, "Who was that?"

"It was my husband," the woman replied.

"Aren't you a little paranoid that he might figure out what's going on between us?" He asks.

"How could he?" the woman answers. "He just called to tell me how great of a time he was having on his fishing trip with you!"

Entertainment Trivia #18

Once again it's time to win free CD's from Lambda. Drop off your completed entry form to SCE 301, above the Student Centre by 1pm on Tuesday, March 10 and you can win the latest CDs by Canada's **The Inbreds** and New York's **Sleepyhead**. Good luck!!!

Question: Two trains leave Montreal and Toronto at the same time on the same track. One is traveling 80km/hr and the other is traveling at 92.673km/hr. A cow crosses the track and wonders... What was Charlie Sheen's character's nickname in the Major League movies?

Answer: _____

Name: _____

Student Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Last week's winner was James Bryers. Since 1990, **Unforgiven** and **Braveheart** are the only *Academy Award Best Picture* winners with only one word names! **Fargo** did not win Best Picture, it only took best screenplay. Sorry!



Dear Dharma

Dear Dharma: I think my boyfriend is addicted to pornography. He has a collection of Playboys that he refuses to get rid of and is always wanting to rent movies like *Intercourse With a Vampire* and *Shane's World*. I don't know how to take this. Do I not satisfy him or is he just a pig?

Prudence

Dear Prudence: I think a few Playboys and a movie once in a while is not an addiction at all. My boyfriend has his magazines and we have a joint subscription to *Adult's Only* and the *Playboy Video Club*. I think it's great! he was watching the movies on his own when you are out, then there may be a little problem. But if he is looking to watch these movies with you is the sign of a very secure individual. He probably wants to enjoy these movies with you. You don't have to rent movies like *Sleazy Sorority Girls* in Sudbury. There are many movies out there that have couples in mind. Playboy has a whole series of couples movies and videos that don't star some fat slob and a bunch of silicone filled 18 year olds. I know a lot of people don't like to watch these movies, but just sit back with your boyfriend and laugh. Of course when the laughing is over, then it's time for fun and trust me, when you are both turned on and stimulated by a good adult tape, you will be in for the night of your life!

Dear Dharma: I read your column every week and there was an article not too long ago about some guy in the pub bugging this girl every day. I have the same problem and I think it is the same guy. I tell him that I have a boyfriend, but he keeps on telling me how beautiful I am and how well he would treat me if I was his. He creeps me out. He always talks about this club he is in and tries to get me interested but the conversation always turns into a sexual come-on. He tells about his past relationships trying to make himself look like Romeo, but he just comes off as an annoying little tick (probably a Bryson fan). What can we do to stop this type of behavior?

Creeped

Dear Creeped: I think I know the guy you are talking about. A certain club, a little romance, a lot of talk and no personality. Someone just needs to tell this guy off loud and in front of a lot of people. You can have the bouncers tell him to go away or have your boyfriend tell him to back off, but I don't think he will understand until you tell him to just go to hell! Sure, the Pub is a meat market, but if you have told this creep that you are not interested, then he should respect that. If not, call me and I will get a bunch of women together to scare him so bad he will never look back again!

Dear Dharma: You think you are so smart. How do you cure a hang-over?

Plastered

Dear Plastered: The best way is not to drink. But if you do, there are a few things you can do to prevent a hangover. That old saying "Liquor then beer, you're in the clear/ Beer then liquor will make you sicker" is basically an old wives tale. No matter what you drink a lot of will harm you. The best thing to do is to drink a lot of water before going to sleep. Even if you can't drink anymore, force yourself. A hangover is due to the body being dehydrated and it needs water. As you sleep you will dehydrate more so the water in your system will help. Also, eat something that will soak up the alcohol in your system. Since Sudbury doesn't have a Taco Bell, the best thing is a thick peanut butter sandwich. My boyfriend swears he never gets hangovers when he eats a PB sandwich, a bag of salt & vinegar chips and a lot of water. I don't know if this works for everyone, but he is always up bright and early without a single sign of his all night bender. Of course, if you are a true Laurentian student you will just keep on drinking all the next day and not even worry about sobering up let alone a hangover. Come on, are you getting old or something?

An open challenge to Bryson McCarthy:

If you think you are so smart in the ways of the world, why not get off that pedestal of yours and enter my ring. You try to write this column for a week and I will lay down the manly challenges from your perch high above the real world. Just picture it... Dear Bryson and Dharma's Get in the Ring. Maybe your followers think you are a God, but I know the truth. All I have to say is, Anything you can do, I can do better!

Love Dharma Brody

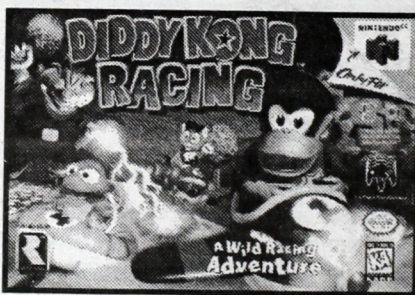
Diddy Kong Racing

Nintendo has always been known for good racing games, but the latest release, *Diddy Kong Racing*, has to be the best yet. *Diddy Kong Racing* is available for the Nintendo 64 system and blows *Mario Kart 64* out of the water.

The reason *Diddy Kong* is so much better is mainly that you can play either in a competitive mode against up to three other players, or you can complete a very long adventure mode.

In *Diddy Kong Racing* you have many levels to choose from as well as different vehicles. Not every level can be raced on in all vehicles, but you have the choice before the race. You can race in either a car, hovercraft or a plane. The hovercraft is the hardest to maneuver, and the plane takes a lot of getting used to, but it takes away from just racing cars all the time. You can even race against a friend in a different vehicle then he is using (i.e. Plane vs. Car).

There are 8 racers to choose from for your races and adventures and they all have different levels of skill. It's usually best to take the medium character as they are even on most accounts. There aren't many levels to choose from in the begin-



ning as you have to unlock them in the adventure mode to be able to race them in a player vs. player situation.

The adventure mode is cool as you have to travel to different points on a map and race for keys, balloons, amulets and trophies which lend to your conquering the game. You must race most levels in order, then return to them to beat them again in the coin mode to be able to race the boss. When you get to the coin mode, it is best to race the level a few times to get used to where the coins are. Once you have figured out how to get the coins you need, race all out since you have to collect all the coins and win the race. It gets a little tough on the airplane levels to collect and win, but you just have to map it out in your head before you start.

There are lots of tricks and hidden passage ways to help you out,

and you just have to find them.

There are balloons all along the track which give you things like missiles, magnets, oil slicks and other weapons to give you the advantage and after you beat a certain amount of levels, the genie will give you a new driving tip to help you out. Of course, if you check the

'net you can find special codes to enter to help you out even more. Here are a few cool ones I have found:

FREEFORALL - Maxed powered balloons

BYEBYEBALLOONS - Computer can't use weapons

JOINTVENTURE - Two players in adventure mode

TIMETOLOSE - Opponents are a lot tougher

ARNOLD - Big players

TEENYWEENIES - Little players

OFFROAD - Speed won't change driving off track

DOUBLEVISION - Players can use the same character

JUKEBOX - Music test

If you like racing games on your game system, *Diddy Kong Racing* is the best yet. Rent it or buy, it doesn't matter. You will love this game (and the codes don't hurt either!).

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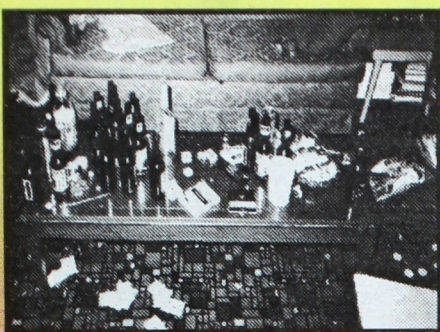


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The Corruption Quiz '98

Editor's Note: This quiz is for entertainment purposes only! It is not intended to promote any corrupt activity, centre any persons or groups out, or offend anyone. If you are easily offended though, just read the news section or something!

Okay Laurentian, it's once again time to take the infamous corruption quiz. It has been one year since we last published this quiz, so hopefully your score has changed in the last 365 days! There are new questions and more points to gain, so think back on what (or who) you have done in the past year and lets see how corrupt you actually are.

Intoxication

1. Ever tried alcohol? (1)
2. Ever been drunk? (2)
3. Ever play a drinking game? (2)
4. Ever fall down because you drank so much? (3)
5. Ever been drunk enough to throw up? (4) On yourself? (+1) On someone else? (+2)
6. Ever wake up and not remember what you did the night before? (5) Bonus: Ever wake up in a another city and not remember how you got there? (+9)
7. Ever been forcibly removed from a bar? (5) Did you fight back? (+5)
8. Ever participated in a floor/pub crawl? (2)
9. Do you drink regularly, at least 3 times a week? (3) Bonus 1 point for every additional day (max. 7 points)
10. Ever fall asleep or pass out in a bar? (4)
11. In a nudie bar? (5)
12. On the dance floor? (4)
13. During sex? (6)
14. When entering your favorite bar, does everyone yell out your name? (8)



Illegalities

15. Ever been arrested? (6) Convicted? (+4)
16. Ever been in a riot? (2) Caused a riot? (+4)
17. Ever caused over \$1000 property damage? (8)
18. Ever had to leave the country suddenly? (9)
19. Ever been considered a menace to society by a public official? (10)

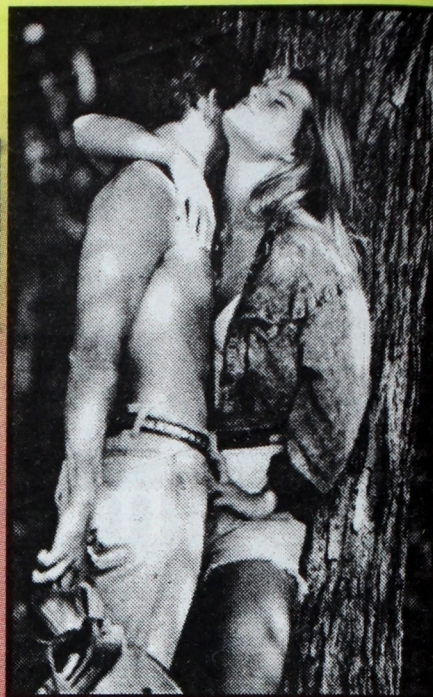
Alternate Recreational Activities

20. Ever try pot, hash, shrooms, licking toads, peyote skins, mourning glory seeds, tea leaves, cough syrup, rubbing alcohol, airplane glue, after shave, gravel, bellybutton lint or aspirin with the intention of getting wasted? (4 each)
21. Do you do drugs regularly at least twice a week? (6) More than four times a week? (+2)
22. Do you spend more money on drugs than tuition or food? (9)
23. Ever sold drugs? (4) To a minor? (+2)
24. Ever sold drugs to support a drug habit? (7)
25. Ever used uppers/downers? (6)
26. Ever used hallucinogens? (7)
27. Ever used crack, cocaine or heroine? (8)
28. Ever been stoned or drunk for more than 48 hours in a row? (8)
29. Ever forgotten the events of a week or more due to intoxication? (9)
30. Ever snowboarded/skied under the influence of drugs? (10 + Gold Medal)

Filthy Passions

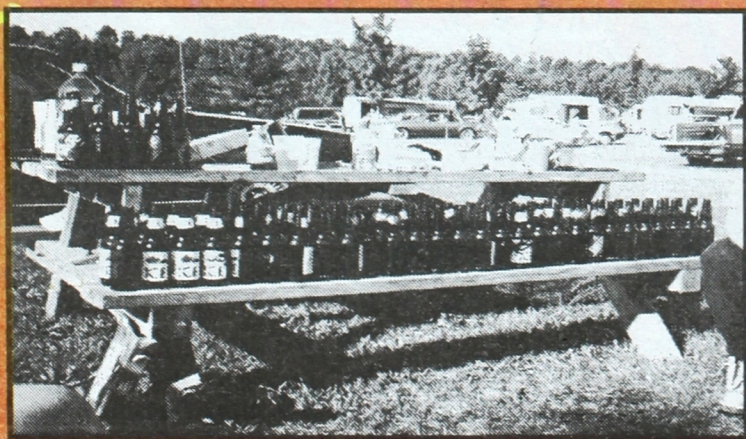
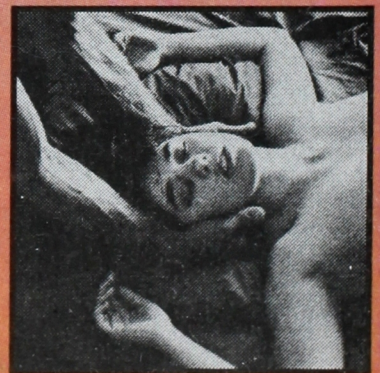
31. Ever been on a date? (1)
32. Ever been felt up/groped? (2)
33. Ever masturbated? (2) To Orgasm? (+1) In front of someone else? (+3) In public? (+4)

34. Ever been masturbated? (2) To orgasm? (+1)
35. Ever participated in phone sex? (4) To Orgasm (+2)
36. Ever watched a porno? (2) Been in a porno? (+6)
37. Ever had sex? (5)
38. How old were you when you lost your virginity? Under 15? (5) 15-18? (4) 19-21? (3) 22+ (2)
39. Ever had a one night stand? (6) Did you sneak out before they woke up? (+5)
40. Ever bathed or showered with someone else? (6)
41. Ever paid for sex? (7)
42. Ever recorded a sexual act in which you were a participant? (6)
43. Ever engage in oral sex? (6) To orgasm? (+1) Spit (-1) Swallowed (+3)
44. Ever engage in the 69 position? (6)
45. Ever engage in anal sex? (6) Bonus: +2 if you were on the receiving end!
46. Ever contracted an STD? (8)
47. Ever had sex without protection? (4)
48. Ever been or made someone pregnant? (8)
49. Do you have any body parts pierced other than you ears or nose? (3 points for each piercing)
50. Ever shaved or dyed someone else's pubic hairs? (6)
51. Ever had sex in front of unsuspecting people? (8)
52. Ever been so loud during sex the neighbors complained? (7)
53. Ever had sex with two or more partners in a week? (7) In a day (+7) Bonus: 5 points for each additional person above two in one day!
54. Ever had more then one person at a time? (8)
55. Ever fantasized about someone other than your partner at the time? (6)
56. Ever had sex with a virgin? (7)
57. Ever describe a sexual act explicitly to a religious leader? (7)
58. Ever had sex in a public place? (5) Bonus: in a church, cemetery, dance floor, public washroom, SkyDome box with the curtains open, a public pool, an airplane, or at your place of work (+4 each) on a Ski lift (+10)
59. Ever watched someone you know have sex? (6)
60. Ever had sex with a cop? (8)
61. Ever get scratch marks or rug burn from a sex act? (7) Draw blood? (+5)
62. Ever broken a major household appliance during a sex act? (8)
63. Ever photocopied your own genitalia? (5)
64. Ever used organic substances during sex? (8)
65. Ever purchased and used sex toys? (7)
66. Ever licked and/or had someone lick an eyeball? (2) toes? (+2) ears? (+2) molars? (+3) bellybutton lint? (+5)
67. Ever practiced bondage, sadism or semi-strangulation for enhanced sexual gratification? (8)
68. Ever had sex with someone primarily because they looked like you? (10)
69. Ever used small rodents in a sexual act? (10)
70. Ever had sex with someone of the same sex? (5)
71. Ever performed a sex act with someone of the same sex in order to fulfill someone else's fantasy? (5)
72. Does necrophelia turn you on? (12)
73. Beastiality? (12)
74. Ever been featured in any printed matter naked or having sex? (10) In Playboy (+5) Lambda? (+10)
75. Are you turned on sexually by Rosie O'Donnell or Jean Chretien? (20)



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126-200 Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap!
201-300 There are twelve step programs for people like you!
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401-450 Go straight to hell. Do not pass go.
451+ You have to be lying...Unless...Jean Chretien....Oh, you are a sick puppy!

Scraping Roadkill Off the Information Superhighway

by Nick Stewart
Staff Writer

The Budget Traveler's Guide to Sleeping in Airports:
<http://www3.sympatico.ca/donna.mcscherry/airports.htm>

Those of us who are on really tight budgets need all the breaks we can get. This page is dedicated to such people who are actually willing to sleep in an airport to save money. It reviews airports all over the world and how worthy they are of being slept in. A good page to keep in mind if you plan on making some international flights. (I just thought it was interesting that the author of this page decided to use Grover as a way of saying an airport is strange in some way. Grover is not all THAT weird, is he? Okay, so he's blue, and doesn't wear any pants, and...Hmmm, okay, never mind...)

Jeebus: Lord of the Lobsters: <http://beehive.twics.com/~lombardo/jeebus.htm>

Okay, so this page has virtually no intellectual, moral or social value whatsoever. But two things have led me to include this page in this week's column. One, it's funny as hell, and Two, it tells us that lobsters are far more evolved than humans, which, judging from the Jerry Springer episode I was forced to watch the other day, is undoubtedly true. If you follow some of the links around this site, you'll find that the Lobsters are but a single race in an intergalactic war, the main centre of which is some guy from Madrid called Enrique Gete. Almost makes you feel sorry for the guy, whoever he is. Almost.

The Ooga Booga Page: <http://www.yorku.ca/faculty/academic/paolucci/>

This is a great page, despite the fact that it has one of the most retarded names I've ever heard. Chock full of stuff about vampires, lycanthropy, ghosts, witches and other aspects of the occult, this site is extremely well researched and just as interesting. Ranging from definitions to trivia to short stories, this site has just about everything you'd care to know about those things you were scared of as a kid. There's even a section dedicated to Goths, including such funky things as Anne Rice, Gothic RPGs, and even Vampire Art. Boo.

SPAM Haiku Archive Homepage: <http://pemtropics.mit.edu/~jcho/spam/>

It's a lot more interesting than it sounds. As you may have guessed from the title, it's a homepage dedicated to the collection of haiku's about the most frightening canned 'meat' of them all, Spam. You can read other people's submissions to the page, and even contribute a few yourself. It's almost like a trip into insanity. I mean, there's over 9200 haiku poems about the original Mystery Meat, Spam. It's quite frightening, actually.

Stephen Booth's H. R. Giger Gallery: <http://www2.hmc.edu/~sbooth/giger.html>

"H.R. Giger is recognized as one of the world's foremost artists of the fantastic". This is a quote pulled directly from the page, and I could not have put it better myself. Dark, forbidding and strangely haunting, Giger's artwork has been the inspiration for movies, albums, and even a line of watches. The main aliens from Alien and Species were pulled directly from Giger's collection, winning him an Oscar for "Outstanding Achievement in Visual Effects" for the former. This page contains the greatest collection I could find of Giger's awe-inspiring artwork. If you want to buy some signed and numbered Giger originals, follow the link on this page to the official Giger homepage...but for those of you, who, like me, just want to appreciate the man's work, then this page is more than enough.

Wolves Among Sheep (Just Plain Stupid)

by Nick Stewart
Staff Writer

Never ever ever ever ever ever ever ever, and I mean EVER, regardless of how hungry you are, EVER eat a three day-old Boston Cream donut. What does this have to do with this column, you ask? Absolutely nothing, other than the fact that it's the main reason that I'm not saying anything relevant this week...Ugh...

*All you need:

- a brandy snifter/ shot glass
- an olive
- a sucker

*Take the brandy snifter/shot glass and the olive and bet the sucker that you can get the olive into the snifter/glass without touching, smashing, or using any outside force except the snifter/glass to get the olive into said snifter/glass. Put the snifter/glass over the olive and by moving the glass in a circular motion, centrifugal /centripetal force pulls the olive up inside the glass and with a quick flip of the wrist...its in there.

A Million and One Uses for a Chocolate Chip Muffin

by Nick Stewart
Staff Writer

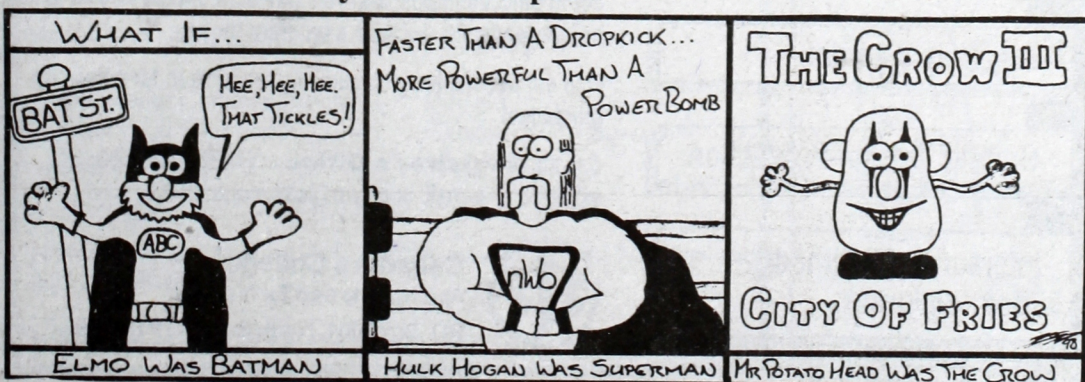
Use #8838: Tear off the heads of two muffins & slap 'em on your ears as makeshift earmuffs in subzero temperatures. If they fall off, you can eat them. If your ears fall off, you can eat them too!

Use #901721: Carry a muffin with you everywhere you go...class, the bathroom, everywhere. When asked about it, tell people you're just preparing yourself for the day when you'll have little muffins of your own.

Use #92743: Place a muffin somewhere in your room and begin to worship it on a daily basis. Creating little Muffin prayers for it is a nice touch. If anybody dares to touch, move, or Muffin forbid, throw it out, then yell something about blasphemy and smite them.

Use #12: Keep a few spare muffins around the house for such simple uses as spackle, lawn fertilizer, fish food, or mix it in with some Spam for a cheap replacement for rat poison.

OVERLOAD by Mat Thompson



The Arena

by Nick Stewart
Staff Writer

Well, the results from the Queen vs. The Maytag Repairman fight are in. While the Queen did have better weaponry, the Maytag Repairman had his entire career of sitting in a room full of appliances with a dog. Okay, so he probably didn't spend all his time training himself to be a lean, mean, 60 year-old killing machine, it's theoretically possible. Since this whole column (and most of my life) happens to be theoretical, that's exactly what's happened. The Queen believed she stood a pretty good chance, and ran shrieking at the Maytag Repairman, wildly waving her bicycle spoke. The Maytag Repairman assumed a threatening stance, intercepted the Queen and body slammed her. The Queen scrambled to rise to her feet, but the Repairman, unrelenting, pegged her with a flying elbow drop. This probably would have been the end of the Queen right there, had she not whacked her opponent in the head with the helmet, stunning the Repairman and buying her some time. She then proceeded to roll away (albeit really slowly and in a royal, proper, dignified way). Hoping to take advantage of the Repairman's dazed state, the Queen then threw her spoke in the general direction of his head. Unfortunately for her, she skipped Spoke Throwing in Queen School, and missed by a mile. The Repairman had by now recovered, and was ready. He ripped out one of his Tropical Skittle bags, and with deadly skill and precision proceeded to bombard the Queen with fruity-flavored pain. It was not long before her protective helmet was rendered useless, as the Repairman's deft leaps, bounds and somersaults outmaneuvered her feeble dodges. In a matter of minutes, the Repairman executed a Triple Jackknife Leap With a Reverse Quarter Axle while throwing his last Red Skittle. The final Skittle flew through the air and lodged itself in the Queen's Royal Forehead, spelling the end of Her Majesty Elizabeth II. It was reported that the Queen was "not amused".

This week's Main Event:

Michael Jordan, basketball superstar, armed with three rotten peaches and a tube sock full of ball bearings,
VS.

Bob Barker, host of The Price Is Right, armed with a 1974 Volkswagen Beetle and a roll of pennies.

The battle is to take place on a baseball field, during an Atlanta Braves / Florida Marlins game.

And the winner is...

The Bobbit Hillbillies

(sung to the tune of "The Beverly Hillbillies")

Come and listen to my story 'bout a man named John,
A poor ex-marine with a little fraction gone.
It seems one night after gettin' with the wife,
She loped off his willie with a swipe of a knife.
Penis, that is.
Clean cut. Missed his nuts.

Well, the next thing you know there's a Ginsu by his side,
And Lorena's in the car takin' Willie for a ride.
She soon got tired of her purple headed friend,
And she tossed him out the window as she rounded a bend.
Curve, that is.
Tossed the nub. In the shrub.

She went to the cops and confessed to the attack,
And they called out the hounds just to get his willie back.
They sniffed and they barked and they pointed over there,
To John Wayne's henry that was waving in the air.
Found, that is.
By a fence. Evidence.

Now Peter and John couldn't stay apart too long,
So a dick doc said, "Hey, I can fix that dong!
A needle and a thread is all we're gonna need"
And the whole world waited 'til they heard that Johnny peed.
Whizzed, that is.
Even seam. Straight stream.

Well he healed and he hardened and he took his case to court,
With a half-assed lawyer, 'cause his assets came up short.
They cleared her of assault and acquitted him of rape,
And little willie was the only thing that didn't show up on tape.
Video, that is.
Unexposed. Case Closed.

Ya'll sleep on your stomachs now, ya hear?

Attack of the Cheese

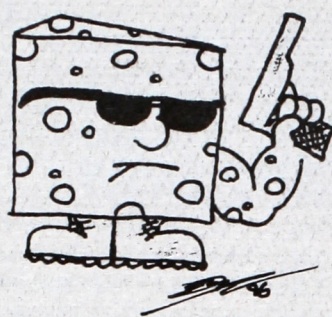
by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

It has been a long time since the last Attack of the Cheese article, but I just rented a movie that was nothing but 100%, top grade cheese! As most of you know, cheese comes in many forms, but the one style that churns more cheese than most is the horror genre. I love cheesy horrors and I think I just found the king. **Jack Frost** has to be one of the cheesiest movies ever created!

You may have seen the cover for this movie at the local video store. It is a hologram of a nice snowman that alters into a fang-toothed, blood dripping, evil looking frosty from hell. Just looking at the cover, you know you are in for cheese, but not how much. Well, the movie is cheese from the first second until the very end!

The story starts off with a killer, Jack Frost, being transported back to the hick town he was caught in to be executed at midnight. Of course there's an accident, Jack escapes, but is soaked with a chemical that bonds his DNA and his evil soul with the snow. Jack, who vowed to avenge his capture, becomes a snowman and wreaks havoc on the snowy little town. He kills people with sleds, icicles, snow balls and nothing can stop him, not even 25 towns folk armed with hairdryers!

No one famous at all stars in this movie, but like that's a surprise! The acting is about the same calibre as a cheap porno you would find on **Bleu Nuit** (Saturday at Midnight, Channel 27). Whenever Frost kills



someone, he has a one liner ready that has to do with snow or Christmas. It is kind of funny when he kills someone though; the music for the murders is not scary at all. It is actually Christmas carols like *Frosty* or *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*.

Cheesy-B movies are always trying to rip off holidays for their horror movies, and I think this is one of the coolest (no pun intended). Who would have ever thought that a snow man could kill police officers, teenagers, and even and even sex a girl to death. You would think that Frost would be a little frigid, but his snow balls seem in perfect working order!

There is a difference between pathetic horror and cheesy horror. Cheese is the good stuff and **Jack Frost** falls perfectly into this category. Don't expect to much gore or any nudies from this slice, just expect a hilarious attempt at horror that just oozes cheese from every second of tape. If you hunger for cheese, rent **Jack Frost** and be prepared to freeze from laughter!

Off The Top Rope

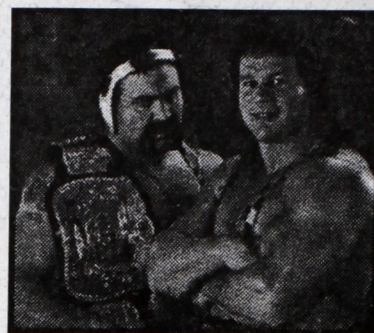
Why... Why... WHY?

by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

Wrestling fans! I think we have just seen the death of tag-team wrestling as we know it. In one week, two of the greatest tag teams of all time have split, and Dok Hendrix announced that the Fabulous Freebirds are going to reunite. Tag team wrestling is taking a beating from all sides, and I don't know if it will survive!

First, I don't understand why either the Legion of Doom or the Steiner's decided to break up. They were basically the teams that were holding the tag foundation in each federation up! Both WCW and WWF's tag sections are minute, if not dead already. WWF has decided to break up not just the LOD, but also the Blackjacks. Who does that leave for us to cheer for? The Headbangers, The New Age Outlaws, and the Godwyns. Ohhh, tough choice. I don't even see why there is a belt when there are barely even three teams in the federation. And WCW is no better!

WCW broke up Harlem Heat, The Steiner's, and left no real teams at all. The Outsiders are the only real team left, and they barely ever wrestle. Even between the two federations, there aren't enough teams to battle for the gold. What happened to the old days of tag wrestling when there were teams like the Harts, British Bulldogs, Strike Force, The Killer Bees, Sheik and Volkoff, Windham and Rotundo, The Moondogs, Demolition, Powers of Pain, and about a billion more all at the same time. Wrestling may be in another upward swing, but tag team is



dying fast!

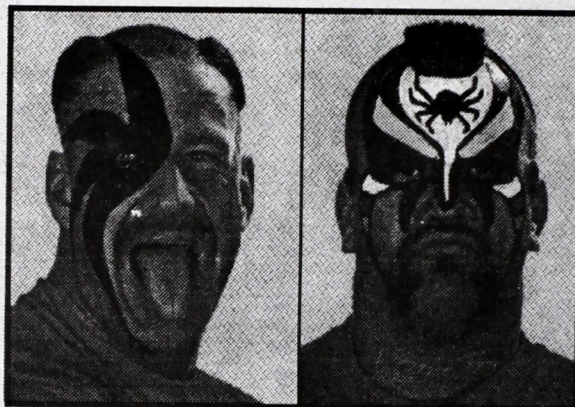
One sad fact about breaking up tag teams is that one member always becomes dominant as a singles wrestler, and the other never reaches the same level of competition. It happened every time. The Anvil, Marty Janetty, Tito Santana, Smash, Rotundo, and many others had to settle for crappy matches while their partners went on to stardom. Will this happen to LOD and the Steiners? Of course. I am willing to bet that Animal and Rick are in for a career shock within the next while. Once the feud with their former partner fades, so will they. It is always the more animated partner, or the personality of the team that prevails. Hawk has all the personality and better moves while Animal is just brute strength. Same with Scott and Rick. Scott has turned into another Buff

Bagwell and will prevail over the same old dog routine by Rick.

Another problem with tag team wrestling, especially in the WWF is the return of old teams that can't do anything anymore. First we saw the return of The Rock 'N' Roll Express. Cornette has promised the return of the Midnight Express, and Dok want to reunite the Freebirds. Sure, it's cool to see an old-timer return for a match, but when they start defeating all the young teams, it becomes pathetic. The R 'n' R Express have to be the most pathetic attempt for rating ever. They have no moves, the same stupid haircuts and no talent! If they look this bad I can't wait to see what the Freebirds look like. Dok already looks pathetic as hell, and in the ring... I just shutter at the thought. I know it must be hard to watch the talent of today and wish you were in there still, but you are old! Rent a Nintendo game and pretend you are actually wrestling. The fans don't want to see this geratol generation returning. We want new talent. There are probably a million tag teams in smaller federations just waiting for their break, and they probably deserve a spot more than The New Age Outlaws ever did! If you saw the ICW, you know what I mean.

The Suicide Blondes were a great team and could easily mix it up with the big boys.

I know tag teams come and go, but not the Steiners and Legion of Doom. This is just a fatal blow to tag team wrestling. And with tag teams coming and going... once you are gone for more than ten years, just stay away! Tag team wrestling needs a shot in the ass, not a kick in the teeth!



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The answers are listed below, but don't peak. Let's see just how smart you really are!

1. How long did the 100 Years War last?
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3. From which animal do we get 'Catgut'?
4. Which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What's a camel hair brush made of?
6. What animal are the Canary Islands named after?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What colour is a Purple Finch?
9. Where are Chinese Gooseberries from?
10. How long did the 30 Years War last?

DON'T PEAK!!!

Answers:

1. 116 years (1337-1453)
2. Ecuador
3. Sheep and horses.
4. November. The Russian calander is 13 days behind ours.
5. Squirrel fur
6. The Latin name was Insularia Canaria - Island of the Dogs.
7. Albert
8. Crimson
9. New Zealand
10. 30 years, what did you expect?

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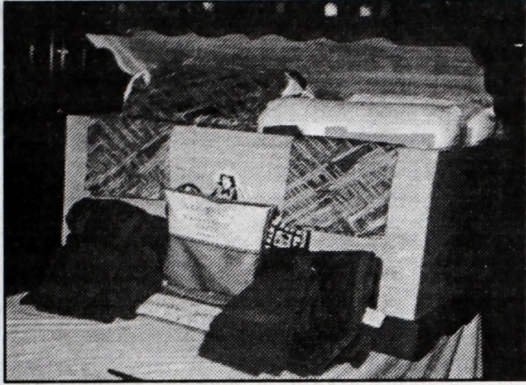


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JARRETT VALUE 2 COOPERATIVE PILOT PROJECT

Sudbury and District Association for the Developmentally Disabled and the Jarrett Value Centre, 760 Notre Dame Ave., are pleased to announce the opening of the new Jarrett Value 2 retail outlet. Jarrett Value 2 is a pilot project to determine the feasibility of operating this location as a worker cooperative. If successful, this store will provide self employment for five developmentally disabled people. With your support this can become a reality in our community.

Jarrett Value 2 will be retailing recycled adult clothing, shoes, accessories and books.

Jarrett Value 2 is located at 120 Durham Street, and will be opening for business Wednesday April 1, 1998. Store Hours will be Monday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Also, the Jarrett Value Centre gratefully accepts donations of recyclable goods - clothing (dry cleaning not necessary) - books - toys - household items - furniture. Donations containers for convenient drop off are located at:

- Poulton's YIG - Four Corners
- Jarrett Centre - 1125 Webbwood Drive
- Jarrett Value Centre - 760 Notre Dame
- New Sudbury Shopping Centre - Sears Gas Bar Entrance
- Miracle Mart - Lasalle Blvd.
- Val-Est Mall - Val Caron
- Moncion YIG - Hanmer
- Place Bonaventure Mall - Chelmsford

Donations can be picked up at your home by calling 525-5100. Proceeds from donations go towards programs for the developmentally challenged in the Region of Sudbury.



Lambda's 1998 Executive Elections

Elections of **Editor-in-Chief** and **Financial Director** will be held on March 13th 1997. Nominations will open on February 26 and close on March 12th at Noon.

The position of Editor-in-Chief is available to all elected staff of Lambda Publications of 1997-1998. This person would represent Lambda to other organizations and the community at large, would be one of the signing officers of Lambda, the other being the Financial Director, and would be the chief administrator of Lambda Publications. There will be an honourarium paid.

The position of Financial Director is open to all members of the Laurentian community. This person is responsible for the budget and the financial management of Lambda Publications. S/he would be the financial officer, would be responsible for the advertising department, the financial statements and various other administrative affairs. The successful candidate must be a member of the Laurentian University community who has taken three (3) business courses or who has related experience. (Recommended business courses include accounting, economics, finance and a relevant computer course). Related experience is defined by a working knowledge of accrual accounting, cash accounting, forecasting, computers, budgeting, selling and marketing in the forms of advertising, distribution, and pricing. There will be an honorarium paid.

Lambda's 1998 Elections

Elections for Assistant Editor, News Editor, Entertainment Editor, Photo Editor, Features Editor, Rédacteur (trice) Français (e), Circulation Director, Two (2) Production Directors, and Office Manager, will be held on March 20, 1998 with nominations opening March 5, 1998 and nominations closing March 19, 1998. In order to run for one of these positions, you must be a Lambda staff member by March 19, 1998.

The **Assistant Editor** is in charge of staff relations and personnel. This person organizes conferences and seminars for the staff as well as for the students of Laurentian University. This person organizes conferences and seminars for the staff as for the students of Laurentian University. This person may be called upon to temporarily hold the position of Editor-in-Chief should the need arise. An honorarium will be paid.

The **News Editor** is in charge of assigning, collecting, and editing articles for the news department on a weekly basis. They are expected to assist in production by laying the pages out and being available to the production directors when necessary as well as contributing to the writing of articles should the need arise. An honorarium will be paid.

The **Photo Editor** is in charge of assigning, collecting and developing photos for the newspaper on a weekly basis. They are expected to be available to the production directors when necessary as well as taking photos themselves should the need arise. An honorarium will be paid.

The **Rédacteur (trice) français (e)** is in charge of assigning, collecting and editing articles for the French Department on a weekly basis. They are expected to assist in production by laying the pages out and being available to the production directors when necessary as well as contributing to the writing of articles should the need arise. An honorarium will be paid.

The **Features Editor** is in charge of assigning, collecting, writing and editing features for the newspaper on a monthly basis. They are expected to assist in production by laying the pages out and being available to the production directors when necessary. An honorarium will be paid.

The **Two (2) Production Directors** must be available Mondays and Tuesdays as well as other times during the week. They are responsible for laying out pages in PageMaker and on the flats. Creative abilities are essential in making the newspaper a unique experience for the readers. An honorarium will be paid.

The **Office Manager** is responsible for mailing the papers to other universities as well as local businesses. This person must occupy the position of Secretary of the Lambda Staff meetings and will be responsible for maintaining all archives of Lambda including past issues, minutes, and financial statements of Lambda Publications.

These job descriptions are subject to change at Lambda's Constitutional Meeting, Friday March 6, 1998.



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ELECTIONS

We are accepting **nominations** for the following positions:

- President
- V.P. Human Resources
- V.P. Finance
- V.P. Marketing

We are also taking **applications** for the following positions:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Director of Communications | Director of Advertising |
| Director of Intramurals | Director of Merchandising |
| Director of Social Events | SGA Reps |
| Director of Bilingualism | Frosh Leaders |

Nominations and Application Forms are available in the Clubs Room at the LOCS/EHCL desk.

Nominations Forms will be accepted no later than Tuesday, March 17th.



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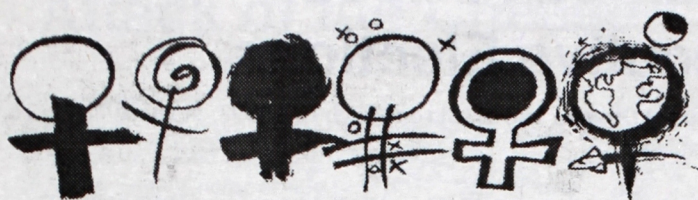
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INTERNATIONAL

International Women's Day

L.U. Women's Centre

The Laurentian University Women's Centre, located in room L-221, offers more than condoms! The Women's Centre is a place run by volunteers who, working as a collective, have equal voices in decisions and policies. The centre founded in the early 90's received its permanent space in 1994.

The goal of Laurentian's University Women's Centre is to educate, sensitize, and create awareness pertaining to women's issues and to work toward a more egalitarian environment for students and staff. The Centre offers women on campus a safe place for women to seek solutions and informed choices.

The Centre also offers a resource library, information and referrals, bilingual services, film presentations, workshops, seminars, and other events throughout the year. The Centre has a lounge where women on campus are welcome to come in and have a free coffee or tea, relax and just hang out. Men on campus are welcomed and encouraged to use the resources, offer support, and participate in mixed gender events.

The L.U. Women Centre Philosophy includes recognizing that social and institutional discrimination against women exists in our society, working towards equality, educate and create awareness pertaining to women's issues. The Centre feels that women are best and rightfully able to define their own experiences, needs, solutions, and goals. The Centre promotes healthy lifestyles and are pro-choice; women have the right to make their own choices.

For International Women's Week the Laurentian Women's Centre hosted a variety of events in keeping with this year's theme "Strength Through Diversity".

Monday's kick-off breakfast was one of the Centres best. With over 70 people in attendance the pancake breakfast was a great success. Monday night's round table discuss was a open discussion of women, the media and the Spice Girls. Tuesdays movie "Camille Claudel" was rescheduled to a future date. Wednesday's event was a food and culture share potluck hosted in conjunction with Native Students Association. On Thursday the Women's Centre will host a lunch with a representative from Xerox talking about employment opportunities for the future. Thursday night the Centre invites you to join them for a Women and Comedy night at Yuk Yuk's. The SGA is hosting a returning bus from LU. Friday will be a morning of Alternative Healing for Women.

Any women of the Laurentian community is welcome to

Women Across Cultures

The Sudbury Women's Centre invites you to join them in celebrating International Women's Day on March 8th at the Steelworkers Hall, 92 Froot Road, of a showcase of dancing, singing, music, story-telling and drama.

The program performers include Phyllis Davison a folksinger/storyteller who presents Canada's history through songs, stories and anecdotes. Suzanne Arseneault, Francophone Folk Singer, Shaundell Parris and the Pride Choir Spirituals, Bernice Adkins, a 79+ year old tap dancer and Lucie De la Fontaine, International School of Belly Dance.

Also performing will be the Mother Earth Singers, Traditional Drumming Circle, a collection of eight women of Ojibway, Odawa, Ojicree, Cree and Micmac background. Maya Hall will be singing Native Georgian Folk Music. Full Circle Productions will also be performing their third production "Colours of Change", a story of four daughters who travel from the four directions of the Earth.



On March 8, 1857, women garment workers in New York City took to the streets to protest the inhuman working conditions that they had to endure. These women had to contend with pay inequity, dangerous work places and opposition against ending child labour. Three years later, these same women organized a union to help improve their working conditions.

On March 8, 1908, working women, 1500 strong, marched again in New York City in hopes to end the child labour, brutal and dangerous workplaces as well as pay inequity. In 1910, March 8th was proclaimed International Women's day in recognition of the working conditions and other equities that women had to overcome not just in New York city but around the world.

This past decade has seen gains

for women in Canada. Issues such as child care, pay and employment equity, choice on abortion and violence against women have all been forced onto the national agenda by the sheer will, energy, organization and power of women across the country. At the bargaining table we have made progress in paid maternity and family-related leave, anti-discrimination clauses, pay equity and health and safety. In the courts, we have won the right to harassment-free workplaces and women have ceased to be criminals for having an abortion.

While there are many positive gains made by Canadian women there are still many things that need to be addressed. Racism is still alive and women of colour can testify that racism is hindering women with high unemployment rates, inadequate housing and poor schooling.

Sexism is still being expressed in shocking forms. From our government we receive crude sexist jokes instead of constructive social policies. Cutbacks ensure the near-destruction of women's periodicals, regional women's centres and shelters for abused women.

Today women around the world are still holding March 8 as International Women's Day. While many changes have been fought for and won by women in the past, there is still lots to be done. Women have always managed to organize, join together, struggle and move ahead. Against overwhelming odds, women have mobilized and won battle after battle. March 8th commemorates all of these victories at the same time that women plan and strategize to win new ones.

LEAF

Stephanie Basset
Contributor

The Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) is a national Canadian organization that was founded in 1985 to ensure that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as it relates to women's rights and equality, is upheld in Canadian courts. The group also provides public education about sex equality in the law. LEAF tries to protect women's rights either by intervening in or sponsoring potentially precedent setting cases. It has been involved in over 100 cases since its formation. These cases range from supporting domestic workers' right to overtime to challenging the limitation period for civil actions in the case of incest. It is a non-profit organization that receives some funding but is mainly supported by donations of time and money. LEAF plays a vital role in improving the everyday lives of women from all walks of life in Canada.

LEAF's most public recent case involved the defense of privacy of women's personal records in the Supreme Court. Requests for personal records are made almost exclusively in cases about sexual violence and reflect the belief that women commonly lie about experiences of sexual abuse. It isn't only counseling records



that are requested in court. Diaries, medical forms including information such as previous abortions, and welfare records have all been used against women in court. These records aren't used to try and prove the falseness of the accusation but in an attempt to convince the court that the woman is not worthy of the law's protection. LEAF attempted to convince the court that no personal records should be admissible in these cases. The court eventually ruled 5 to 4 in favour of admitting personal records.

Another case in which LEAF's efforts were more successful was seen by the Supreme Court in 1996. In this case LEAF was defending the right of custodial parents, who are usually women, to relocate with their children. The Court ruled unanimously that a parent with sole custody has the right to make deci-

sions such as where to live without being restricted by the non-custodial parent's objections. LEAF was also involved in the Commission of Inquiry into Certain Events at the Prison Women in Kingston. this inquiry took place after eight women were strip searched by an all male Emergency Response Team. LEAF presented several recommendations in the policy phase of the inquiry, many of which were approved by the Commissioner in her report. In 1996 the B.C. law which restricts protests around abortion clinics and prohibits the harassment of abortion service providers was challenged. LEAF was successfully involved in defending this important law.

The law and the courts that uphold it do not automatically treat women fairly. We have benefited from women in the past who fought for basics like the right to hold political office, to vote, and to attend post-secondary education. More recent legal issues include sexual harassment and women's rights to abortion services. Organizations like LEAF are still needed to protect women in the court system and to advocate for laws that treat the sexes equally. Unfortunately there's still a long way to go.

Because....

by Anonymous

Because woman's work is never done and is underpaid or unpaid or boring or repetitious and we're the first to get fired and what we look like is more important than what we do and if we get raped it's our own fault and if we get beaten we must have provoked it and if we raise our voices we're nagging bitches and if we enjoy sex we're nymphos and if we don't we're frigid and if we love women it's because we can't get a "real man" and if we ask our doctor too many questions we're neurotic and/or pushy and if we expect childcare we're selfish and if we stand up for our rights we're aggressive and "unfeminine" and if we don't we're typical weak females and if we want to get married we're out to trap a man and if we don't we're unnatural and because we still can't get an adequate safe contraceptive but men can walk on the moon and if we can't cope or don't want a pregnancy we're made to feel guilty about abortion and... for lots and lots of other reasons we are part of the women's liberation movement.

WOMEN'S WEEK

Hidden Crimes

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

Countless women are the victims of hidden crimes, crimes that go unreported and unpunished. Domestic violence is an issue that is rarely, if ever, addressed with the appropriate intensity and seriousness that it merits. What happens in the privacy of someone's home does not seem to be a priority to law makers, enforcers or judges. Women who are abused sexually, emotionally, and physically by their partners are in need not only of community and family support, but also of the support and protection of the political and legal systems in Canada.

A policy of non-intervention in domestic violence situations is what leads to the brutal murders of so many women at the hands of their boyfriends, ex-boyfriends, husbands, and estranged husbands. It is quite obviously too late to intervene and offer any kind of support or assistance to a dead woman. Unfortunately, the sad truth is that very few of these women can or know how to help themselves. Whether it is due to a lack of information about the support services out there, or due to the psychological and financial dependence upon the abusive partner, women tend to feel trapped in the frightening environment they live in.

A pamphlet from the Sudbury Family Service states that "Canadian research shows that at least 1 in 8 women in a relationship with a man is physically abused by him". This is an unacceptable statistic that should bring about a sense of social outrage and a call for definitive and effective action. How can we stand idly by as so many of our wives, sisters, mothers, friends are being violently beaten, terrorized, and humiliated on a daily basis. And the trend in domestic violence is for the frequency and severity to increase over time. Eventually it comes down to a life or death situation.

All of this ugly violence would have remained hidden and invisible for years longer if women had not begun to raise their voices and refuse to let their abuse continue to be swept under the carpet. As important as raising awareness was and is, it is simply not enough. Action needs to be paired with awareness and knowledge. Actions such as the White Ribbon campaign in which men wear a white ribbon to support an end to violence against women.

Other important actions that must be taken include reacting to bad judgments in court cases like the Quebec women who was brutally gang raped and her assailants got 18 months of community service. The list of such offensive, outrageous, and terrifying rulings goes on and on. Why? Quite frankly, the laws in these areas are simply inadequate and not nearly comprehensive enough. There is too much room for poor judgments and no clear precedence for tough punishments. The message we are sending to women is that these crimes are not really so bad and do

not morally offend our society. Is this really a message we want to be sending?

Often closely linked with the threat and experience of physical violence that women across the world endure, is the phenomenon of sexual harassment and sexual assault. Victimized women are made to think of themselves as nonentities, with no rights, freedoms, thoughts, opinions, or identity of their own. They are taught by their abusers that they do not count, even if they are not comfortable with a situation- their will means nothing. In a society without any real plan of action to eliminate the abuse of women, this poor self-image and poor self-worth is reinforced.

Some preemptive measures that women can take to protect themselves against sexual harassment- since it is unlikely that they will find adequate support from authorities- include: telling the harasser that his behaviour offends you, if the behaviour persists, complain in writing to someone in authority (to establish a paper-trail of evidence), contact the Human Rights Commission (1-800-461-7863), contact the Sudbury Sexual Assault Crisis Centre (Crisis-673-1323, Bus.-675-8071). Do not be afraid to stand up for yourselves, defend yourselves, and most importantly, do not be embarrassed to speak up about what has happened to you, what makes you feel uncomfortable, and what has offended or hurt you.

Women who do not feel that they have anything to offer, who have no self-esteem, and a poor self-image are at higher risk of becoming involved in an abusive relationship or being sexually harassed. This is because they are less likely to put a stop to aggressive and demeaning behaviour. It is up to our society, or governments, and us as individual citizens to do everything we can to end domestic violence.

It is crucial for women to realize that they count and it is crucial for men to realize that women need to be respected and listened to. That is not to say that all men are going to victimize or abuse women, all it means is that women who have been abused cannot be "there, there'd" or have their experiences trivialized. It also means that no one can ignore the crisis of domestic violence. This is a tragic phenomenon that can be eliminated and must be stopped.

Facts:

- domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women, causing more injuries than muggings, stranger rape, and car accidents combined.
- at least 25% of the women who are victims of domestic violence in the U.S. are pregnant (stat for Canada not available)
- more than 3 million children witness acts of domestic violence every year
- children of abused mothers are 6 times more likely to attempt suicide and 50% are more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol
- police were more likely to file a

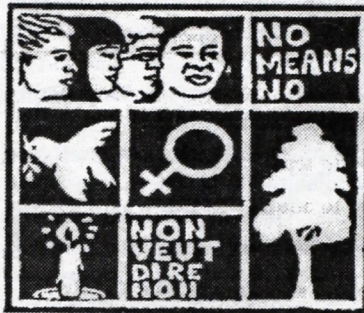
formal report if the offender was a stranger, rather than an intimate

- 50% of all homeless women and children are fleeing domestic violence

- domestic violence causes almost 100,000 days of hospitalization, 30,000 ER visits and 40,000 trips to the doctor every year

- the majority of abusive men do not voluntarily go to batterers' programs
- in the U.S., almost 4 million women are beaten by male partners every year

- one study showed that all sons over the age of 14 attempted to protect their mothers and 62% of them were injured in the process



CRIAW is coming to Sudbury

Angela Braden
Contributor

Women in Canada are very lucky in the fact that groups exist to help ensure our well being and to fight for women's rights. One such group is the Canadian research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAW for short.) This is a national non-government group, which is dedicated to advancing women in society, encourages research about women, and examines the differences between men and women. They receive their core funding from the Women's Program, Status of Women Canada, individual & institutional memberships, sales of publications, research contracts and donations. CRIAW is officially registered as a charity.

Fueled in 1976, CRIAW is still going strong today. They continue to maintain a resource centre, link with women's groups in Canada and abroad, and sponsor a national theme conference every two years in a different part of the country, among other things.

This year the conference will be held in the Sudbury area with the theme of "Caring Communities and Healthy Life Styles." The Laurentian University Women's Centre has been invited to participate in the conference by speaking on a related issues. Some of the proposed issues thus far are empowerment for aboriginal women, lesbian lives, maternity issues of disabled women, sexual/domestic violence, and many more.

Anyone with any questions, comments or suggestions can feel free to contact the L. U. Women's Centre for further information.

Political First' for Canadian Women

On March 14, 1916, most women in Manitoba became eligible to vote in provincial elections. Federally, women became eligible to vote on May 24, 1918 and in 1929 Canadian women were legally declared "persons" and were granted the right to become members of the Senate. Since then many Canadian women have come forward to participate in affairs of state. The following is a list of Canadian legislators who were political firsts.

Her excellency, the Rt. Hon. Jeanne Sauve.

The Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell

Hon. Muriel McQueen Fergusson
The Rt. Hon. Ellen Fairclough
Cairine Wilson

Agnes Macphail

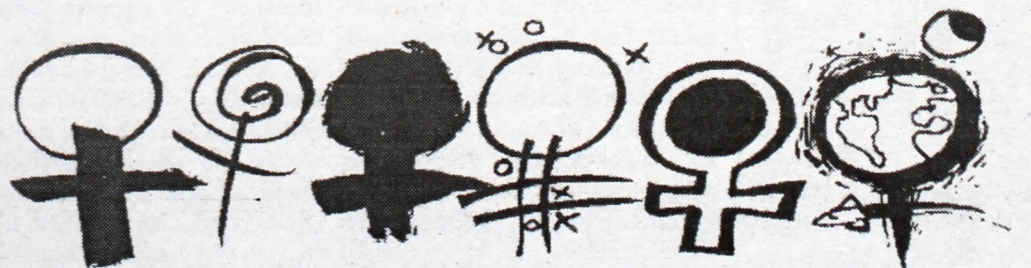
Hon. Sheila Copps
Hon. Andree Champagne
Hon. Audrey McLaughlin

Hon. Senator Joyce Fairbairn

First Women Elected to Provincial Legislatures

Louise McKinney
Mary Ellen Smith
Edith Rogers
Hon. Senator Brenda May Robertson
Lady Helena Squires nee Strong
Gladys M. Porter
Margaret Rae Morrison Luckock
Ella Jean Canfield
Marie-Claire Kirkland-Casgrain
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Newfoundland
Nova Scotia
Ontario
Prince Edward Island
Quebec
Saskatchewan



Gender Issues in Health

by Tammy Freeman
contributor

Huge gaps exist in understanding the gender differences in health and research, mainly because medical research has a strong male bias. Most researchers conduct their studies, with the exception of reproductive health, on male subjects, then assume the results are equally applicable to women as well. According to a study reported in "The Health Gap" by Jennifer Kitts and Janet Hatcher Roberts, a study on the effectiveness of AZT, azidothymidine, a drug which inhibits the progression of AIDS, did not include female subjects; therefore, it is not known how women respond to the drug, if at all. This is just one example of such narrow studies conducted despite the knowledge that women often respond differently to treatments and will metabolize drugs differently than do men. The medical research field fails to recognize, in the words of Donna Stewart of the University of Toronto, that women "are not just men with menstrual cycles."

Why do we need special research conducted on women's health needs as a separate entity from those of men? Eva M. Rathgeber of the International Development Research Centre in Nairobi, Kenya answers: "One might point out a few pertinent facts: women have special health problems that men do not experience; women are more vulnerable to certain conditions than are men; some health conditions are less easily detected in women; women's health directly affects child survival chances; and women's needs are often neglected if not specifically identified."

The guessing game played when diagnosing women and their ailments is unnecessary and insulting to women. If the shoe were on the other foot, and men had to tolerate misinformed or guessed diagnoses, there would certainly be measures to rectify the situation. Research studies must integrate a gender perspective from the beginning, not as an

afterthought simply because it is politically correct. The research must address how men and women will respond to the treatment or drug or theory in question on all levels. Research also faces a significant barrier where women must account for their state of health. If she cannot speak her mind because there are men around, or because a man speaks on her behalf, the study's results will not be accurate.

A major problem encountered when examining women's health needs is that of how her needs are defined: as reproductive health, her role as a mother, a nurturer, where as men's health needs are never equated with their roles as a father. So far, it has been unthought of, even taboo, to discuss a women's niche in the world as something other than her biological function. There is little support for a woman who defines herself outside of her biological role, as a man does, without the strong derogatory stigmas. S.A. Udipi and M.A. Varghese of SNDT Women's University in Bombay, India agree that "Health services for women usually emphasize and cater to the reproductive health needs of women, and little effort may be made by the health sector to help women realize that they are persons in their own right, with their own personal health needs."

If a woman's place in the world is based largely on her ability to produce children, what ramifications would she face as sterile female? There would be psychological barriers to overcome, feelings of her body's betrayal. Does this mean that a woman who cannot bear children has no place in society? Would an infertile man tread the same murky waters as a woman in the same situation? There are no answers to these and hundreds more questions regarding women's health needs; therefore research is required into women's health.

If we are not to define women's health based on her reproductive health, how do we define it? According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there are numerous criteria which define health—a complete physical, mental, and social well-being, not just the absence of illness or disease. The criteria are "adequate shelter, nourishing food, good hygienic practices, clean and abundant water, and fuel", also included are "peace, freedom from violence, access to income-earning capacity and opportunities, access to educational resources, social justice, a stable ecosystem, and sustainable resources."

By this definition, women suffer from deficient health. Again, funds and time must be invested into women's health needs. However, there must also be an insurance that the investment actually reaches the women. In Gortaka, India, much money has been devoted to women's health, yet they are the least likely recipients. In "The Health Gap", Stackhouse reports:

"For all the fine intentions of outsiders, it is the men who tend to benefit from the development- and the richer men at that. While women walk the dirt trails carrying headloads of wood, the wealthy men drive tractors on pukka roads. The men are paid high government wages for building water pipes; the women are expected to maintain these pipes for no wages at all. The schools are filled

with male students. Even at the health centre, the ward is occupied by men because women will not allow a male practitioner to see their bodies uncovered."

Unfortunately, this is not a "cultural issue", but one which does not discriminate between countries. Health and Welfare Canada reported in 1991 that the health of Canada's Native population is inferior to the Canadian population at large.

A remedy to this problem (of mal-adapted coverage of women's health needs) is to funnel a portion of the research dollars into education. The Report of the International Conference on Population and Development released by the UN in 1994 indicates: two thirds of the world's 960 million illiterate adults are women; more than one third of the world's adults, most of them women, have no access to printed knowledge, new skills or technologies that would improve their quality of life; 130 million children world-wide are not enrolled in primary school, 70% of which are girls.

According to the World Bank, educated women benefit from health information, use the health services available which will lead to healthier lives. These educated women will also demand treatment for their sick children. Education will also provide opportunities to better employment to support her family.

Another dimension of education is teaching women the symptoms of ill-health: she must know that vaginal discharge is not normal to a woman, or that back pain is not part of her constitution because she's had it for as long as she can remember. Women must understand that health care is not a luxury but a necessity. Often, a woman will ignore her health concerns because 'there is nobody else to watch the children', or because 'she cannot afford the time off work'. Such a mentality, that her health is not a priority, leads to the marginalization of her physical, psychological and emotional needs. Constanza Collazos V. of le Centro de Investigaciones Multidisciplinarias en Desarrollo in Cali, Columbia states: "To take care of her own health, a woman must recognize herself as an individual, find herself worthy, strengthen her self-esteem, and have the power to decide about her own health.; If a woman is weak in one or more of these areas, she will invariably suffer from poor health. If the woman suffers from poor health, how will the population continue?

We, as women, must demand attention to our body's health problems. We should not be compared to men's physiological responses to treatment and drugs; we are not men and we are entitled to proper research conducted on female subjects. We cannot permit the under-education of women when there is such a high correlation between health and education. The argument is not as one-sided, or as anti-man, as people may perceive. Men and women are equally responsible for the survival of the human race: in the absence of one sex, the other cannot self-fertilize or self-ovulate to create life. It makes sense then to invest equal amounts of research dollars into men and women's health.

Eating Disorders

by Angela Braden
contributor

Ours is a society that is very concerned with body image and weight. All of the characters in our favourite shows and all of the models plastered on the magazines that we read are incredibly thin and beautiful. With their beauty, fame and fortune, it is no wonder that we would like to look like them. But is it worth it to sacrifice our health for it? Although often considered a teenage girl's infatuation, both women and men fall victim to this kind of thinking. We all feel the need to measure up to impossible images, sometimes taking it to the extreme. Eating disorders are highly prevalent, little talked about illness. The most common are anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and compulsive overeating.

Anorexia is characterized by excessive dieting and weight loss. Regardless of their actual weight, anorexics feel that they are still too fat. This is their only manner of keeping control. It is easier to count calories and deny their hunger than to face emotions and deal with their problems.

Bulimics are also weight conscious. They go through cycles of binge eating and purging. Binges are different for each person, they can range anywhere from one cookie to an entire bag. In order to rid themselves of these unwanted calories, bulimics purge their bodies by vomiting, fasting, excessive exercise, use of laxatives, enemas or diet pills. Striving for the approval of others, bulimic use food as a source of comfort. Like bulimia, compulsive overeaters use food binges to block out feelings, emotions, and stressful situations. Symptoms include uncontrollable eating and weight gain. The more weight that is gained, the harder they attempt to diet. Dieting is often what leads to the next binge, and is then followed by guilt, shame and feelings of failure. Thus the cycle continues.

Each of these disorders can lead to poor health, and even to death. If you have one of these, or think that you might, there are people who can help you. Talk to your doctor, or call a local group such as the Eating Disorders Recovery Group, at 692-0442 for more information. You are not alone, take the first step to helping yourself now.

Spice Girls: The GIRL POWER Trap

by Sherri Moore Arbour
contributor

The popular media is arousing a fascinating public discussion. The world is fascinated with them. They are selling lots of records; they made a feature film; their concert tours sell out. It appears that you can't even turn on the T.V. without seeing them. Pepsi commercials, trailers for their new movie, their latest video... They have captivated the attention of countless impressionable young girls. Although I don't like the generic pop they peddle, I am not distressed by their musical inabilities. The Spice Girls and their record company cronies are selling more than just music. They are enlisting young girls world wide in the new GIRL POWER movement.

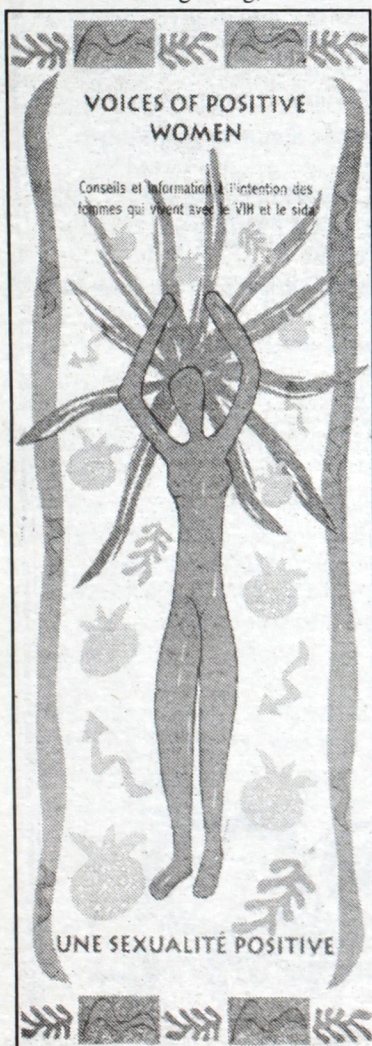
GIRL POWER is glossy; it's pretty; it's sexy; it's marketable. It is also petty, catty, and breeds confusion. The mere fact that talk shows like Politically Incorrect have dedicated entire programs to deciphering the meaning of the movement, speaks to its mixed messages. What the hell is it? Some call it feminism while others say it's the women's movement's nemesis. The Spice Girls say GIRLS are super. They say that GIRL POWER is "about kickin' it up with the girls, we don't need men controlling our lives! @##%\$". Is this the most recent wave of the women's movement?

On the surface, their version of female empowerment sounds pretty consistent with feminism, right? WRONG. Theirs is a Feminism with a lot of make up and really carefully manufactured images. These women aren't threatening, they are seductive. They behave really foolishly. They proudly call themselves girls- aren't they in their mid-twenties? In the 90's, it isn't enough for a pretty face to sing a catchy tune...not even if there are five of you. Put them in the arena of progressive gender politics- you have a sensation!

I do not mean to say that I am in any way prejudiced against their beauty or their right to dress and act the way they choose. There are many beautiful feminists. Some of whom where makeup and construct their images carefully. What separates GIRL POWER from women like Gloria Steinem (besides a measureless intellect)- is *substance*.

The GIRL POWER that the Spice Girls peddle is contrived. If their strength lies in their beauty and marketability, where will they be in 20 years? Real strength transcends age. Real power isn't trendy. Despite its manufactured image, it is still an expression of oppressive social conventions. You really can't disagree that they are objectified.

Scratch beneath the Revlon and there isn't much there.



From a Man

by Derek Serafini
Asst. Features Editor

Over 140 years ago, one of the first organized actions by women took place in a textile factory in New York. Women employees stood up in the face of low wages, long working hours, and inhumane working conditions. Fifty-three years later, on August 10th in Copenhagen, the Women's Socialist International decided to commemorate the strike by observing an annual women's day.

In 1975, during International Women's year, the United Nations began recognizing International Women's Day. Two years later, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for women's rights that would be observed on a date to be chosen by each member state.

The purpose for this day, as cited from the U.N., is "to recognize the fact that securing peace and social progress and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms require the active participation, equality, and development of women and to acknowledge the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security." Well, how about that?

How generous of those people at the U.N. for giving an entire day to the recognition of half of the planet's population. In my opinion, the celebration should last longer than a mere day, or even a week. In the first place, why should we have to put any days aside to recognize something that should be in the common conscious? It is no secret that women have contributed many things to the human race. It comes as no surprise to anybody that women are human beings and every human being has had a vital role to play in history.

However, according to the U.N., nowhere in the world can women claim to have the same rights and opportunities as men. They continue to be among the poorest: the majority of the world's 1.3 billion absolute poor are women. Three-quarters of women over 25 in much of Asia and Africa are illiterate. On the average, women receive between 30 and 40 percent less pay than men earn for the same work. Everywhere women continue to be victims of violence, with rape and domestic violence listed as significant causes of disability and death among women of reproductive age worldwide.

I think, if anything, International Women's Week should seek to highlight these facts. It should serve as a venue to bring about change and equality. As a man, it is hard to see just how these facts are true. I'm young, I live in a democracy where I work and go to school with women, where I learn and receive medical care from women. Everywhere that I look, women are rightfully treated as equals. But I guess that there are things that I don't see and don't know. I guess that I take my manhood for granted.

If, today, women are still persecuted at the hands of men, I apologize on behalf of my gender. Not that it means much or that it should make up for centuries of mistreatment, but to serve as an example of how not all men wish such treatment. I can offer nothing more than that and a re-evaluation of my own views and actions.

Hopefully, the world that I live in does indeed exist. Hopefully, in this world, women are treated equally to me and have the same opportunities that I do. But, if that is not the case, hopefully, things will change.

Lisa Simpson

from Ms. Magazine

Animated and liberated, Lisa Simpson wages a one-girl revolution against cartoonland patriarchy every week on Fox TV's The Simpsons, created by Matt Groening. Whether she's marching for gay rights, subverting Thanksgiving with a tribute to forgotten foremothers, or demanding equal pay for equal work during household chores, Lisa's personal is intensely political. She told Ms. that role models like Simone de Beauvoir and George Eliot fueled her feminism, as did "the off chance that my father, Homer, and my brother, Bart- much as I love them- represent a fair cross-section of American men." In her crusade against sexism, Lisa recently took on the makers of the talking Malibu Stacy doll- who exclaims, "I wish they taught shopping in school."

She marketed her own Lisa Lionheart doll, who tells girls, "Trust in yourself and you can achieve anything!" Despite her desire to one day be chief justice or president of the U.S., Lisa says, "I imagine that in 20 years- as during the past five seasons- I shall find myself still in the second grade at Springfield elementary." But to her live-action sisters, she urges: "Go forth to third grade! And beyond! I'm counting on you."



Living Histories

NAME: Karen

AGE: 21

STATUS: Single

HOW IS YOUR LIFE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR MOTHER'S? I am the first woman in her family to continue my education right after highschool, at my age my mother had already been married for over a year. I am fortunate to have a family who supports all my endeavours are parents who taught me that nothing is impossible.

WHAT DO YOU WANT? To continue my education, gain a Masters in Journalism, have my work published before the age of 27, and travel whenever possible.

NAME: Sherri

AGE: 26

STATUS: Married

HOW IS YOUR LIFE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR MOTHER'S? My mother stayed at home; I don't and hope I never will. I loved having a stay at home parent but know that my husband would do a better job than I would at it! My mother saw limits outside of the home; I see possibilities.

WHAT DO YOU WANT? A happy, peaceful life. I want to continue to grow and learn along with my family (to be). I want satisfaction from my career and a stable, joyful homelife.

NAME: Aisha

AGE: —

STATUS: Student

HOW IS YOUR LIFE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR MOTHER'S? My mom went to college, a few different ones, and I am going to university without ever having gone to college, but the profession I want to go into is a higher income bracket than my mom. Basically we are both very independent. My mom came to Canada from the Caribbean when she was 17 (and is a single working mother) and I left home when I was 19.

WHAT DO YOU WANT? I want to graduate from university, become a psychologist, and major in Women's Studies or get my gerontology certificate to work with the elderly in the future. I would like to work in the States or the Caribbean or work abroad. Oh! and I must travel.

NAME: Angela

AGE: 23

STATUS: Single

HOW IS YOUR LIFE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR MOTHER'S? My mother married at a very young age, giving up both further education and a career for family. With nine children she was overworked and completely financially dependent. After many years, she went back to school and got a job. Slowly but surely she gained her independence, and self-respect.

WHAT DO YOU WANT? I would like to take the strong sense of independence that she has passed on to me and make something of myself. She has helped me to see the value of education and I am graduating this year with my BA. There is nothing that I can't do.

NAME: Niki

AGE: 29

STATUS: Single

HOW IS YOUR LIFE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR MOTHER'S? I went on to higher education, not married, no children, my mother married at a young age.

WHAT DO YOU WANT? A good job, able to travel the world.

NAME: Abbie

AGE: 20

STATUS: Single

HOW IS YOUR LIFE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR MOTHER'S? More options available for women in the work force otherwise not that much different; we both have gone on to higher education (my mother received her masters).

WHAT DO YOU WANT? To surpass all expectations.

NAME: Michelle

AGE: 22

STATUS: Single

HOW IS YOUR LIFE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR MOTHER'S? My life is very different from my mother's. She had two sisters and a brother. I have three older brothers and a twin brother. She never met her father, I not only know who he is, I visit him. My mother only has a grade 10 education, I have a university education. My mother had children at the age of 17, I do not want to have children. My mother was also married at the age of 17 and I am single.

WHAT DO YOU WANT? I want to graduate this year from LU and come back for my second degree then go off to teacher's college. I would like to become a physical education teacher. Someday I will get married, but not in the near future.

NAME: Gayle

AGE: 20

STATUS: Single

HOW IS YOUR LIFE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR MOTHER'S? My mother grew up on a Caribbean island, had 9 brothers and sisters, was poor and separated from her mom (who was 15 when my mom was born). She started working as an R.N. at 17 and was married at 22 and moved to Canada.

WHAT DO YOU WANT? In order: 1) success in a career and a comfortable home and life, self-satisfaction, 2) marriage to an equally successful, loving, God-fearing, family oriented man, and 3) children

Note: with 1), I don't need 2) and 3). They are bonuses that I would like to have in my life, but I can do fine without them.

NAME: Heather

AGE: 22

STATUS: Single

HOW IS YOUR LIFE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR MOTHER'S? She is 52 years old, divorced, 5 kids, unemployed, with a partial college diploma.

WHAT DO YOU WANT? A job as a prothesisist.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Clowning on LU Campus, Tuesday, March 10. together we agree to be more respectful, friendly and gentle with one another. Each dresses in a colorful way, with a touch of "clowning" on their faces. Let's live to the outmost! Info: Chaplaincy Office. L226 or Ronald Perron, 673-5661.

The Arthritis Society is looking for volunteers to assist in the upcoming HOOPS, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to be held on March 28, 1998 in the Ben Avery Gym

If interested and willing to volunteer, please call Andrea at The Arthritis Society 674-0285.

Union Gas presents Up With People "Roads", April 18th & 19th at the Fraser Auditorium. Once again, let's welcome an enthusiastic band of high energy entertainment. Tickets will be available soon at selected local merchants! Proceeds will be donated to the YMCA Genevra House. At this time, we are expecting a request for host families. This is a great opportunity for you and your family to experience bringing the world together through friendship and understanding. For more information, please contact us at our Union Gas office, 566-4301 ext. 2140.

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The E.L.S. is looking for submissions to this years anthology. There is no submittance fee. All entries can be dropped off on the 7th floor English Office in the E.L.S. mailbox. Submissions will not be returned.

Pride @ LU's Support Group meets every Tuesday from 5-6:30 to give students a chance to talk about the challenges of being gay, lesbian or bisexual. for more info contact Pride at Box 17, Student Centre or AGLL_L@nickel.laurentian.ca or inquire with the Counselling & Resource Centre at 673-6506.



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Hockey Vees Lose in OUA Mid-West Semi-Final

Last Wednesday your Laurentian University Varsity Hockey team hosted the Brock Badgers in the first game of the OUA West semi-final. The Vees had just beaten the Badger the week before so the stage was set for another possible victory.

The design of the play off system is a bit tedious, two games are played and if one team does not win both games then immediately after the second game a fourth period is played. If no one wins this fourth period then a sudden death overtime is played to determine the winner of the series. So as you can see it would have been crucial for the Vees to win their one and only game at home. But unfortunately the Vees could not prevail over the Badgers, even though they kept up and played some good quality hockey, bad luck once again smiled on the Voyageurs.

Brock took any early lead in the first period and kept it until the late in the second when Johnny O.T Glavota teed one up from the blue line and tied the score at one a piece. The Badgers came back and scored on a two on one to put them ahead by one with only minutes left in the third. Then after several failed attempts Kiley Hill put one past the Badger net minder off a pass from Brad Baber to tie the game once again. Unfortunately shortly after Hill's goal Brock scored, and with a minute and thirty seconds left head coach decided to pull goalie Sean Spencer and put a sixth man on the ice. Duncan's decision to pull the goal during prior to a face off proved costly when Brock

won the face off and was able to bring the puck up ice and score easily in the open net. Brock scored once again to make it 4-2, Duncan's decision to pull the goalie did not sit well with the fans since in most cases coaches wait until the face off has occurred and their team has the puck before pulling the goalie.

After the tough loss the Vees went to St. Catherine's to take on the Badgers in their own backyard. The Vees ended up trouncing the Badger 4-1, totally dominating then Badger were scorers Luc Gagne, Greg Sutherland, Chris Tomljanovich and Darren Schmidt. This put the series at two a piece and forced the team to play a fourth period to determine a winner. However, both teams failed to score and so a sudden death overtime was played. The twenty minute overtime was scoreless until twelve seconds left, when Brock scored and ended the Voyageurs season.

The Hockey Vees finished with a 9-16 league record and a 1-2 playoff record. This year's Vees may have not played to their potential 100% of the time, but showed flashes of greatness that kept them alive against some of the best teams in the nation. The team will be saying farewell to several players, most notably Kiley Hill who is graduating and moving on to bigger and better things. Also, according to the grape vine players Johnny O.T Glavota and Chris Tomljanovich are playing in Europe next year, who knows what the future holds for the Voyageurs. Good Luck to all the players in their

I went to the fights and a Hockey game broke out!

What a fight, the brawl was great, the only problem was I went to watch a hockey game. The game started with both teams playing great hockey, there was some great action.

Then late in the first period things started to get ugly. The Concordia players began playing like the Hanson brothers from SlapShot. Garbage tactics, late hits, clipping, high sticking and offenses against Vees goalie Sean Spencer slowly but steadily angered the Vees. Late in the third period the powder keg erupted in the form of a full-fledged hockey brawl. My violent atavistic side reveled in the pure display of testosterone before me, as Kiley Hill skate around topless calling on any one who would drop their gloves and Matt Dediana fed a Stinger player a knuckle sandwich. However, my better side soon kicked in and remembered that the Vees were playing the nationally ranked University of Trios Rivières Patriotes the next day and the Vees would need all their weapons. In total 23 majors were assessed resulting in almost two-hundred penalty minutes, the officiating was like the brawl, brutal.

The Vees lost the game 6-2, but the loss was deeper than that; the Vees lost Kiley Hill, Brad Baber, Brian Ladyk, Serge Dunphy and Sharrit for the game against UQTR.

Scoring for the Vees was Luc Gagne and Brad Baber.

Then on Sunday the battle worn Vees took on the UQTR Patriotes. The Vees are a great fist period team. They can go toe to toe with any team in the nation for the first twenty minutes. The boys can control the puck, backcheck and keep the tempo under control, hell they can even score with the best of them, in the first period that is. Unfortunately, something seems to happen to the boys between the first and second period that transforms them from a quality team that bumps and controls the game to a team that stands by and watch teams run up the score.

Keep in mind that the Vees were playing the number one ranked University of Trios Rivières, and keep in mind that a number of Vees were not playing due to suspensions because of the Concordia brawl, but none the less they had a great fist period tying UQTR at one a piece. Why then did UQTR come out in the second and score 8 goals, 2 in the first thirty seconds? That is a question only the Vees can answer. Luc Gagne set the pace in the first scoring a beautiful goal, but much to the chagrin of the fans no one else picked up Gagne's pace and as a result the Vees lost 11-1, in a sad display of defensive hockey.

World Soccer News

by Travis Zervas
Columnist

G'day my soccer friends. I have returned! Not actually in Sudbury, but I'm with you in the soccer spirit folks. Never mind the inauguration to this year, lets get started.

In Brazil, more trouble in the Amazon country. Corinthians, facing relegation despite spending millions on new players, were victims of an astonishing attack by their own supporters following a defeat by Santos. A coach load of Corinthian fans used the vehicle they were traveling in to block one of the main roads into So Aolo, ambush the team coach and then pelt it with stones. The driver and Colombian midfielder Freddy Rincon were hit by flying glass in the attack, which lasted 10 minutes before police arrived. "For the first time in my life, I was afraid. There were sticks and stones everywhere. I thought I was going to die," said Corinthian infielder Neto.

In Ecuador, spectators got a surprise when El Nacional's national team goalkeeper, Giovanni Ibarra, rushed towards the referee and then off the field, tearing off his cloths on the way, during a match against Emelec. He had been attacked by an army of ants.

In Spain, Barcelona, Real Madrid and Mallorca? This newly promoted team had been expected to be prominent in all manner of relegation battles, especially when they gambled on Hector -who?- Cuper, an Argentinean coach recruited from world famous Lanus. But Cuper has rolled out the barrel in grand style, taking Mallorca into the UEFA Cup placing with some compact, well organized soccer.

In France, just when everyone thought the shadow of scandal had been lifted from French soccer with the match fixing convictions

earlier last year of Bernard Tapie, another skeleton is rattling in the cupboard. A steady stream of top players are being unmasked as dope-test failures. The latest were international midfielder Vincent Guerin of Champions League Challengers Paris Saint-Germain, Auxerre midfielder Antoine Sibeirski and Toulouse defender David Arribage. All tested positive for the banned steroid nadrolone.

In Japan, Jubilo Iwata won the J.League's second stage with a game to spare, beating JEF United Ichihara 5-0. The victory sets up a two leg championship play-off with first stage winners, Kashima Antlers.

In New Zealand, Central United gained their first major honour when defeating Napier City Rovers 3-2 in the Chatham Cup Final.

In Cameroon, the national team will have the option of choosing Lyon's youthful striker Joseph-Désiré Job for the African Nations Cup finals. He turned down a call from the French Under 21 team and has been included in the Cameroon squad for their trip to Brazil.

That's it for this week my friends, Until next time, may the soccer be with you! Cheers.



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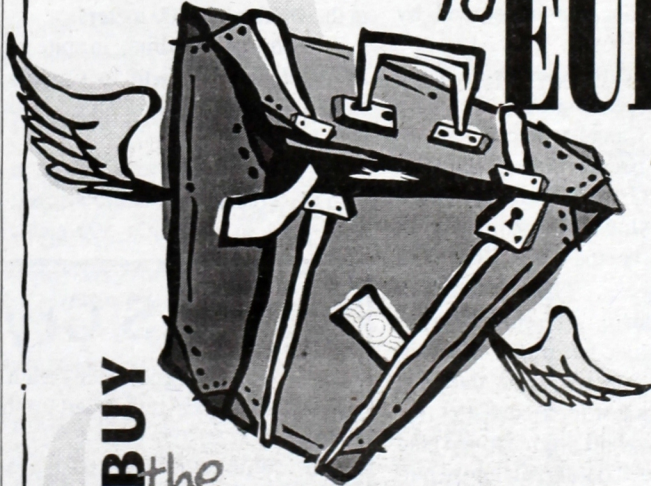
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Dr. Jay Looks at Testosterone

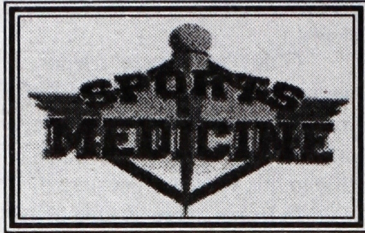
Anyone who regularly watches men compete — whether in chess, football or weightlifting — eventually notices a pattern: Winners continue to compete, and often keep on winning. Losers, however, tend to slink away to lick their wounds... if they don't give up entirely. One reason for the difference in reaction may be hormonal. Researchers are finding that levels of a man's testosterone — the sex hormone that gives a man facial hair, deep voice, greater musculature, baldness (for the genetically inclined), energy, good mood and an inclination toward aggression and dominance — often rise before face-to-face competition. More significantly, levels may rise further or go into a greater decline after competition, depending on whether he wins or loses.

That testosterone contributes to a man's competitive drive is obvious. Why it has this effect goes back to the origins of human biology. Evolutionary psychologists say that the male desire to prevail was an important — even critical — reproductive strategy that emerged from the earliest time. Down through the ages, men who could dominate other men — whether through brute strength or wit — achieved higher social status. High status gave better access to females, which allowed males to mate more often and send their DNA spinning off endlessly into future generations. Today, a man's drive to beat his buddies at poker, basketball and even in verbal sparring is actually a way to elevate his status among his peers. The influence of testosterone on his competitive instincts is part of

nature's plan to perpetuate the species.

THE HIGHS & LOWS OF TESTOSTERONE

In both sexes, testosterone is produced in the gonads (the ovaries in women and testes in men) and the adrenal glands, though men make on average 10 times more than women do. In men, most testosterone comes from tissues in the testes called Leydig cells. (Leydig cells don't make sperm, only testosterone.) Testosterone production is influenced by many factors, from diet and stress to exercise and heredity. Testosterone levels not only vary depending on the time of day and month, but also change as a man ages. Low in boyhood, testosterone rises dramatically in adolescence. A male adult's levels will also vary greatly within a 24-hour period, starting higher in the morning (when he first gets up) and dropping to levels half or even a third as high later in the day. Seasonal variations are not as significant; testosterone levels are a little higher in the fall, lowest in late spring. Production of the hormone also decreases gradually with age. Additional studies have observed that obese men and those who eat high-fat diets also have lower testosterone levels. Overtraining, particularly too much endurance work, can lower levels of this hormone. Among men, differences in levels may also be associated with occupation. Blue-collar workers had noticeably higher levels than white-collar men in a study of



4,000 military veterans. "Construction workers, for example, had higher levels than office workers," says researcher James Dabbs, PhD, of Georgia State University, Atlanta. Within a sample of eight occupations, he found interesting variations: Actors, comedians and football players had significantly higher testosterone levels than ministers. Dabbs suggests that the difference between entertainers and clergymen may have something to do with competition. "Ministers work within stable organizations and keep the same job for years," he says, while actors' jobs last only hours, days or weeks. "Actors must continuously dominate and control their competitors and audiences if they are to find and keep employment." **THE NAME OF THE GAME**

Since testosterone levels are linked with aggression and dominance, which are in turn related to performance and status, the testosterone-status association cannot be ignored. This relationship, moreover, is not limited to man. Animal studies have found that testosterone levels are related to changes in male status. In research at the University of California, Los Angeles, a male

vervet monkey was moved from one group of vervets where he was the leader and put into another group. The male monkey that ascended as the new leader had an immediate surge in testosterone, while the monkey that was moved and had to accept a lower position in the new group had a drop in the hormone. Similarly, when a man is confronted with face-to-face competition — especially head-to-head — testosterone levels increased. Studies of wrestlers and tennis players revealed that shortly before a match, testosterone levels rose, as if in anticipation of the contest. Afterward, the losers' spirits dropped, as did their levels of testosterone. Each additional loss produced another drop. The winners' already-high levels, on the other hand, were reinforced by another win, further enhancing competitiveness. For these men, testosterone levels stayed within the top range for all men. Winners often go on to compete again, while losers often want simply to go home and at least recover if not crawl under the covers. This creates a kind of feedback loop that may account for winning and losing streaks, says Dabbs. The relationship between hormones and competition is not quite that simple, however. For testosterone levels to rise, men have to take the competition seriously. One study found that chess players had little testosterone lift before an all-city tournament, but in a more challenging regional tournament, the rise in testosterone was significant.

How a man perceives his victory also influences testosterone levels. "Mood is what causes the hormone elevation," says Brian Gladue, PhD, a senior research adviser at the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A rise in testosterone requires a "real" win, he says, or at least a perception that it's real. To verify this, Gladue asked men to think like winners, then to think depressing thoughts. "Their hormone levels stayed flat as a table," he says. "Motivational tapes, Dale Carnegie courses or self-help books are great if you want to feel good, but they won't raise your testosterone." Adding to the complication is the fact that "one man's meaningful victory is another man's 'who cares,'" says Gladue. He gave students a chance to win \$5. When they did, testosterone levels shot up. "But if a high-priced attorney won \$5 in a court battle," he says, "I'll bet his hormones don't change at all. On the other hand, that same lawyer might have a good testosterone rise if he beat a longtime rival at poker and was ahead \$5. "To get a hormone rise, [the stakes] have to be something of value to men — like money or status," says Gladue. Testing hormone levels during periods of noncompetitive behavior may not help you to predict an individual's status, he says, but hormone levels measured after competition can help you to predict subsequent changes in the hierarchy. That's because rising levels tend to incite a man to compete harder and decreasing levels give a man less taste for battle.

If it's true that Canada has just wrapped up its most successful Winter Olympics ever — 15 medals, including six gold — then why do so many Canadians look like somebody has just dropped a curling stone on their foot?

Because hockey in Canada has just crawled up inside the attic — and died.

From Vancouver to Montreal, Moose Jaw to Saskatoon, and every hockey hole-in-the-wall in between, the state of confusion is the same. One of the greatest collection of NHL stars ever to be assembled, and certainly the best collection of NHL stars on any team in this Dream Tournament, lost Saturday in the bronze medal game, for crying out loud, to Finland, 3-2, at Big Hat. Team Canada's Patrick Roy can only look back at the net as Finnish players celebrate the first of the three goals they scored against him en route to a bronze medal Saturday.

FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, these Nagano Games ended for Canada — the country — roughly around the sushi hour here Friday night when Wayne Gretzky, Eric Lindros, Patrick Roy and all the rest of the national treasures lost to the Czech Republic in a marathon game that ended in a shootout, 2-1, and thus, Canada kissed the gold medal goodbye.

Now if you think this eats away like battery acid at the insides of most Canadians, you're only partially right. It eats away like battery acid at the insides of all Canadians, the same way it would eat away at Americans in basketball, the Dutch in speedskating or the Japanese in

sumo wrestling.

The Canadians came into the bronze medal game physically drained and emotionally spent, which isn't an excuse — merely a fact. Certain sports in certain countries are just sacred. This is the case with hockey and Canada. So when a chance at winning the gold was gone, the Canadians became consumed by guilt.

Physically they were there Saturday. Psychologically, they were flatter than Canadian bacon.

It's been a weird Olympics for Canada. It started fast and ended painfully slow. A turning point seemed to be the Ross Rebagliati drug caper. The Canadian weedboarder ... er, snowboarder tested positive for traces of marijuana found in his urine during a routine drug test for medalists.

Rebagliati, who captured gold in men's snowboarding slalom, seemingly was about to have his medal stripped from him by the International Olympic Committee, when suddenly the latter changed its mind.

Life for the Canadian Olympic team stumbled onward.

The men's curling team had to settle for silver, but the women took gold. Then disaster struck again. The women's hockey team, which has dominated the sport through the '90s, lost in the first Olympic gold medal game to the U.S., and a national mourning officially was declared for the provinces.

CANADIAN SPEED SKATER Catriona LeMay-Doan

Hockey misfortune a true shutout for Canada

saved a little face by taking gold in the women's 500-meter long-track event. Countrywoman Susan Auch added silver in the same event. Jeremy Wotherspoon and Kevin Overland took silver and bronze, respectively, in the men's 500-meter long-track event. LeMay-Doan added a bronze in the women's 1,000 meters.

But speed skating, in spite of its tremendous growth in Canada since the '88 Calgary Games, still isn't hockey.

Elvis Stojko took silver in men's figure skating. Annie Perreault took gold in women's 500-meter

short-track speed skating event, and the Canadian women's 3,000-meter short track relay team took bronze. Canada captured gold in the two-man bobsled. Love you, Elvis, Annie and all the rest, but to Canadians ... that still isn't hockey.

On Wednesday night, Canadian bobsledder Matt Hindle was standing outside one of the dorms inside the Olympic Village when a piece of broken glass fell from the sixth floor and landed squarely on Hindle's shoulder, leaving him with a five-inch gash that prevented him from further training for the four-man bobsled. The matter was being inves-

tigated. The sixth floor houses U.S. athletes.

Then came an even bigger bolt out of the blue. The Canadians lost in hockey — women, then men. For the men, first it was losing a chance for the gold medal against the Czechs, then losing the bronze medal against the Finns.

CANADA STILL HASN'T WON a gold medal in hockey since 1952.

But the Canadians do have a chance to beat out the Americans in an Olympic medal count for the first time. Presently, Canada has 15; the U.S., 13.

But to Canadians, the number that matters most today is Canadian hockey medals won: 0.

U.S Cry Babies Trash Rooms

U.S. Olympic hockey team coach Ron Wilson called the trashing of rooms at the team's living quarters a "deplorable act" and called for those responsible to come forward and take the blame, The Washington Post reported.

Wilson, also the coach of the Washington Capitals, told the newspaper Monday that the players who damaged rooms in the Olympic Village in Nagano, Japan, "should never be involved in an event like that again." "It is inexcusable what they did," Wilson said at the Capitals' first practice after the Olympics break. "It shows no class at all."

Three apartments occupied by U.S. players were trashed after the U.S. team was eliminated from the Olympic tournament with a 4-1 quarterfinal loss to the Czech Republic last Wednesday. A few chairs were broken, a couple of fire extinguishers were emptied, and damage was estimated at \$3,000.

NHL COMMISSIONER GARY BETTMAN has said the league will investigate the matter, interviewing players as they resume practice this week.

"Under the NHL constitution, I have the power to discipline action that is detrimental to hockey," Bettman said.

Wilson said his understanding is that one or two players did the damage, but he is still embarrassed by it.

"Unfortunately, everybody is guilty by association," Wilson said. "I'm disgusted with the culprits." Wilson added that those responsible "should come forth so we can put it behind us."

The Czech Republic went on to claim the gold medal at Nagano, while the supposedly powerful United States and Canada did not get any medal.

"We tried the best we could, and it just didn't work on the ice," Wilson said.

Lady Vees Clench #1 in OUA East Division

The Lady Vees took to the road on Friday February 27th, to compete against York University. The Lady Vees defeated the Yeowomen with a final score of 95-72. Top scorer and MVP of the game for the Lady Vees was Joy McNichol with 24 points and 4 rebounds. This win secures the #1 position in the OUA East Division for the Lady Vees. Final standings will be available at the end of this week.

On Sunday the Lady Vees continued their successful road trip with a win over the Queen's Golden Gaels. The final score was 77-53. Top scorers for the Lady Vees were: Joy McNichol with 13 points, Chantal Gregoire with 11 points and Tanya Tatti and Karen Vos both with 10 points.

Next action for the Lady Vees is on March 6th, when they host the OUA Women's basketball championships. The Lady Vees tip off in the 6:00pm game on Friday.

Vees with great results at last chance qualifier

The men's and women's Track and Field teams took to the road on Friday February 27th, to take part in the last-chance qualifier at the University of Toronto. The men's team had top finishes from the two 4X800m relay teams. The 1st placed team was comprised of John Thompson, Brian English, Jeremy Gilbank and Aaron Prieur and the 2nd place team was comprised of Rob Vanden Hengel, Bryan Lemire, Patrick Hillman and Jason Lemire. Top 10 individual finishes came from: Aaron Prieur who finished 1st in the 1000m; Shane Rosati who finished 3rd in the long jump and the 300m; Brian English who finished 4th in the 3000m; Rob Vanden Hengel who finished 5th in the 3000m; John Thompson who finished 6th in the 300m; and Greg Judge who finished 10th in the Pole Vault. In women's action, Jenn Dewan finished 2nd in the 1000m and 4th in the 1500m.

Next action for the Track and Field teams is March 6th and 7th when they travel to Toronto to compete in the OUA championships.

Voyageurs Finish 1st in OUA East Standings

The Voyageurs traveled to Toronto on Friday February 27th, to take on the York Yeomen. Despite a slow start to the game, the Voyageurs were able to come back from a half time score of 42-31 in favour of the Yeoman, to take the win 83-79. Top scorers for the Voyageurs were: Ted Dongelmans with 24 points, 20 of which were scored in the second half; Kevin Gordon with 23 points and MVP of the game; and Cory Bailey with 12 points, 8 of which were fouls and 7 rebounds. Final standings will be available at the end of the weekend.

The Voyageurs continued their road trip as they traveled to Kingston and defeated the Queen's Golden Gaels with a final score of 82-60. The Half time score was in favour of the Voyageurs by only 5 points, 36-31. Top scorers for the Voyageurs were: Cory Bailey, Clifton Edwards and Kevin Gordon all with 14 points each. Player of the game for the Voyageurs was Dwayne Burton.

Next action for the Voyageurs is Thursday March 5, 1998 when they host the OUA East Men's basketball playoffs. The Voyageurs will play in the 8:00pm game on Thursday.

Sudbury Shoot Out

On March 6, 7, 8th Laurentian University Department of Athletics will be hosting the OUA Women's basketball Championships. The final OUA League standings, the CIAU top ten and the championship schedule are listed below. The top four teams from each division will compete for Ontario championships. The two finalists in the gold medal game on Sunday March 8th at 2:00pm will represent the OUA at the CIAU Women's Basketball Championships at Lakehead University on March 13-15.

The highlight game is the first round on Friday March 6th, will be the #1 East team- Laurentian University Lady Vees (19-1) vs. the #4 West team-University of Guelph Gryphons (8-6).

On Thursday March 6th the OUA Award will be announced at the OUA women's all Ontario banquet held at the Caruso Club.

OUA Women's Standings

<u>EAST</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>TP</u>
Laurentian University	20	19	1	1456	1117	38
University of Toronto	20	17	3	1457	1134	34
Queen's University	20	15	5	1165	1058	30
Ryerson University	20	9	11	1238	1313	18
York University	20	5	14	1233	1317	12
University of Ottawa	20	5	13	1062	1230	10
Carleton University	20	0	20	737	1360	0
<u>WEST</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>TP</u>
Lakehead University	14	12	2	963	783	24
University of Western	14	12	2	1023	724	24
McMaster University	14	8	6	834	842	16
University of Guelph	14	8	6	766	763	16
University of Waterloo	14	7	7	766	733	14
Brock University	14	4	10	824	942	8
University of Windsor	14	3	11	693	856	6
Wilfrid Laurier	14	2	12	714	940	4

CIAU Top Ten- Women's Basketball

1. University of Regina
2. University of Manitoba
3. University of Toronto
4. University of Western Ontario
5. Victoria University
6. University of Winnipeg
7. Lakehead University
8. LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY
9. Memorial University
10. University of Alberta



OUA East Men's Basketball Playoffs OUA Women's Basketball Championship Schedule

Thursday March 5, 1998

- 6:00pm- Men's Playoffs
- 8:00pm-Mens's Playoffs (L.U plays in this game)

Friday March 6, 1998

- 1:00pm-Game 1 of women's playoffs
- 3:00pm-Game 2 of women's playoffs
- 6:00pm-Game 3 of women's playoffs- Lady Vees play in this game
- 8:00pm-Game 4 women's playoffs

Saturday March 7, 1998

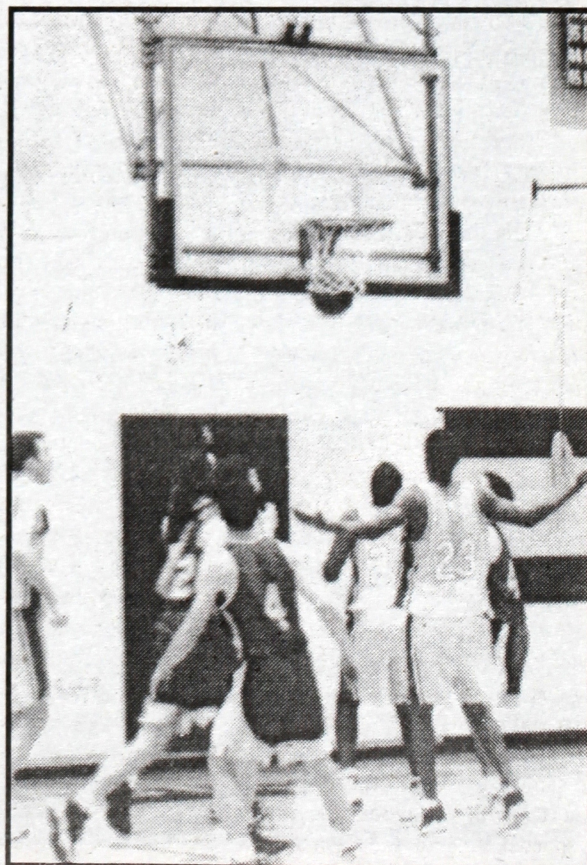
- 11:00am-Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2 (Women)
- 1:00pm-Loser of Game 3 vs. Loser of Game 3 (Women)
- 3:00pm- OUA EAST MEN'S FINAL
- 6:00pm-Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2 (Women)
- 8:00pm-Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4 (Women)

Sunday March 8, 1998

- 10:00am- Consolation Game (Women)
- 12:00pm- Bronze Medal Game (Women)
- 2:00pm-Gold Medal Game (Women)

Awards presentations: immediately following championship game

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